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## Veteran legislator dies

Webster's funeral to be held tomorrow in Taylor Auditorium

BY JIMMY L. SEXTON  
MANAGING EDITOR

Sen. Richard M. Webster (R-Carthage), who co-authored a bill in 1965 that established Missouri Southern as a four-year institution, died Sunday.

Webster, 67, was pronounced dead at 9:26 a.m. at Boone Hospital Center in Columbia, where he had undergone aortic valve replacement and triple vessel bypass surgery on Feb. 28. Webster developed cardiac arrest as a result of the surgery, and cardiopulmonary resuscitation efforts were implemented without success.

According to Mary Becker, director of the hospital's community and media relations, the senator was moved on Friday from the hospital's intensive care unit to a private room.

"His progress prior to the complication was uneventful, and he had been progressing extremely well for surgery of this nature," she said.

Webster had said that he hoped this surgery would correct a heart condition of 15 years. In an interview with the *Kansas City Star* just before he entered the hospital, Webster said he "apparently had a heart attack five years ago and didn't take time to go to the doctor's office. The damage was there."

Webster's funeral will be held at 2 p.m. tomorrow in Taylor Auditorium on campus. Classes will be dismissed from noon to 5 p.m.

"The main reason that we're going to cancel classes is for the parking space,"

said College President Julio Leon.

The funeral will be under the direction of the Knell Funeral Home of Carthage. Ministers Bob Lyttle and Tom Thomas of the First Christian Church of Carthage will officiate before what is expected to be a standing-room-only turnout.

All 11 of Webster's Senate colleagues are expected to attend the service, as well as Gov. John Ashcroft and more than 30 members of the House of Representatives.

According to Robert Knell, co-owner of the mortuary, Webster's body will lie in state at the funeral home in Carthage, while a closed casket will be present during the services on campus.

The nine pallbearers include Sen. Emory Melton (R-Cassville), Bill Gray, Bill Haughwout, Bob Yocum, Herbert Casteel, John Curry, Tom Robinson, Dr. Robert Cable, and Leon. There also are 11 honorary pallbearers.

Webster's colleagues, both Republicans and Democrats, expressed their admiration for the senior member of the Senate.

"Through his many years of work in the Missouri House and Senate, Dick Webster helped forge legislation that made Missouri a better place to live, to work, to raise a family, and to receive an education," said Ashcroft. "Missouri has lost a wise and devoted servant of the people."

According to Missouri Attorney General William L. Webster, son of Sen. Webster, one of his father's proudest achievements was co-authoring the legislation in 1965 that created Missouri Southern College as a four-year institution. The bill's enactment led to Southern becoming a full-

fledged, state-supported school in 1977.

"There is no doubt that he was the influential figure in creating the College," said Leon, "and the facilities we now have. Thousands of students have graduated from colleges in southwest Missouri, and they owe a debt of gratitude to Sen. Webster."

"Were it not for him, they would not have those college degrees."

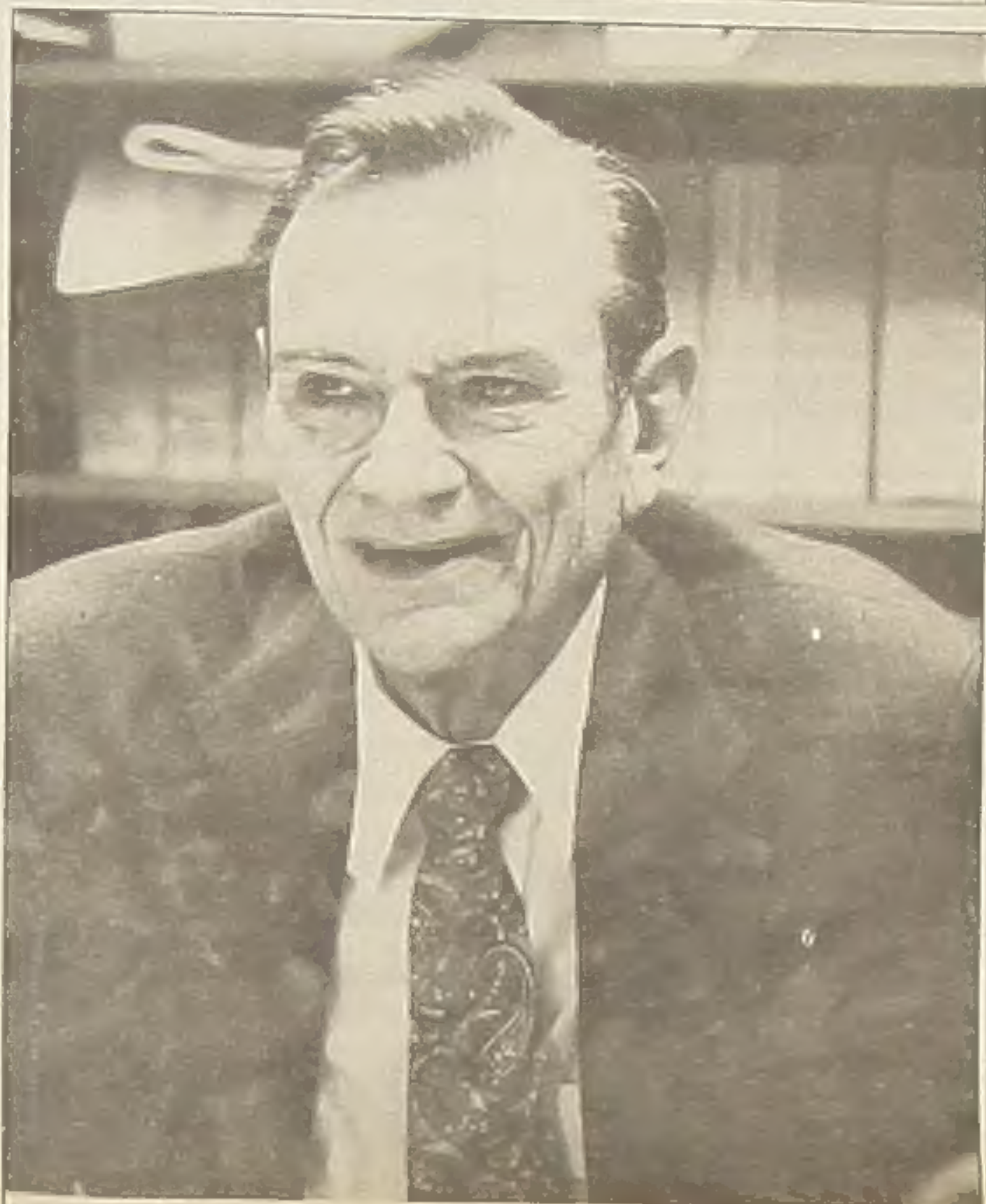
The Senate convened briefly at 4 p.m. yesterday and promptly adjourned out of respect to Webster.

"We decided to go in as scheduled and then hold a brief memorial service, giving the other senators an opportunity to express their thoughts about Sen. Webster and say what's on their heart," said Senate President Pro Tem James L. Matthews (D-Sedalia). "He was a tremendous force in the lawmaking process, and his death is a tremendous loss to the Senate and to the legislature."

The House held a memorial service for Webster at the start of its session yesterday, then conducted a shortened session with no debate or voting on controversial issues.

Born April 29, 1922, in Carthage, Webster served in the Senate longer than any other Republican in Missouri history. He served three terms in the House before he was first elected to the Senate in 1962.

In December 1989 Webster announced plans to run for an eighth term in 1990.



FILE PHOTO

A good friend

Sen. Richard Webster visits with a *Chart* reporter in this 1986 photo. (See related photos, stories on page 5).

## Many faculty degrees come from area schools

Administrators say diversity exists in faculty

BY CHRISTOPHER CLARK  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Problems of lackluster diversification and institutional in-breeding are being downplayed by College administrators, despite statistics showing that about one-third of all faculty have degrees from Pittsburg State University or Missouri Southern.

Research by *The Chart* shows that 23 percent of all faculty have attained at least one degree from PSU. Eight percent have received at least two degrees from that institution, and 12 percent of all faculty have earned a degree from Southern.

The numbers are not bothersome to College President Julio Leon, who said "the most important factor is not where the degrees are from, but rather how good the faculty member is in the classroom."

"All institutions are likely to have a fairly good number of faculty with degrees from nearby institutions," Leon said. "The proportion of faculty who have degrees from institutions like PSU and SMSU (Southwest Missouri State University) has been going down."

Leon explains that when the College became a four-year institution in 1967, many faculty had already attained degrees from PSU. Despite the nearly one-quarter of the faculty with degrees from PSU, Leon maintains Southern has adequate diversity among its faculty.

"Every institution wants a good blend,"

he said. "There is excellent diversity here."

Leon cited the English department as an example. He mentioned such faculty as Dr. Henry Harder, Dr. Lanny Ackiss, and Dr. Elliott Denniston who received their doctorates from the University of Maryland, Duke University, and the University of Michigan, respectively.

However, such areas as student services cannot claim such diversity among its faculty. Approximately two-thirds of all student services faculty have received or are working toward a degree from PSU. Dr. Glenn Dolence, vice president for student services, is not disturbed by the figures.

"We just try to have the best people we can have," Dolence said. "We have a pretty diversified group."

Dolence said most faculty within student services were getting their degrees from PSU as a matter of "convenience."

Though all faculty have not received a degree from either PSU or Southern, significant numbers have gone no further than the four-state area for their degree. Some officials say this could lead to a deficiency of fresh ideas.

"In years past, we have had a number of faculty who got their degrees from MU (University of Missouri), the University of Oklahoma, the University of Arkansas, and occasionally Kansas State University,"

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## Where MSSC Faculty\* Received Their Degrees

- 51 (23%) received at least one degree from Pittsburg State University
- 19 (8%) received at least two degrees from Pittsburg State University
- 27 (12%) received a degree from Missouri Southern
- 25 (11%) received at least one degree from the University of Arkansas
- 19 (8%) received at least one degree from the Univ. of Mo.-Columbia
- 16 (7%) received at least one degree from Southwest Mo. State Univ.
- 14 (6%) received at least one degree from Oklahoma State Univ.
- 13 (6%) received at least one degree from Central Mo. State Univ.
- 11 (5%) received at least one degree from the Univ. of Oklahoma

\* The 226 total includes administrators, tenured and non-tenured faculty, and lecturers.

Source: *Chart* research

## Enrollment vs. Appropriations

Institution	FTE* Enrollment, Fall 1989	FY 1991 CBHE Request	Governor's Recommendation	Amount That Would Be Spent Per Student†
Harris-Stowe	835	\$6,110,263	\$5,122,479	\$6,135
Lincoln	2,056	\$12,586,919	\$10,789,040	\$5,248
Western	3,285	\$14,971,292	\$13,195,272	\$4,017
Southern	4,313	\$15,317,184	\$13,253,800	\$3,073
Northwest	4,957	\$22,272,420	\$19,348,602	\$3,903
Northeast	5,896	\$31,841,976	\$28,396,888	\$4,816
Southeast	7,092	\$36,639,621	\$32,487,975	\$4,581
Central	9,439	\$46,315,138	\$40,293,046	\$4,269
Southwest	14,818	\$59,856,353	\$53,735,739	\$3,626
Univ. of Missouri‡	41,019	\$336,776,296	\$299,712,742	\$7,307

\* Full-time equivalency

† Based on Fall 1989 FTE enrollment and the Governor's recommendation

‡ Includes the four campuses

Source: Coordinating Board for Higher Education and *Chart* research

## College officials seek extra \$3.5 million

BY CHRISTOPHER CLARK  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Missouri Southern is underfunded by \$3.5 million, according to College officials, while a check of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education's funding formula shows allocations that may prove less than fair.

"This [\$3.5 million] is money that is needed to support an enrollment of 6,000 students," said College President Julio Leon, who has asked legislators for a one-time budget increase to help hire new faculty as well as help curb operations and equipment expenses.

The College has targeted new faculty as a priority for funds that would come from a one-time budget increase. Though Southern is able to handle the problem of faculty overload now, problems may arise in the future if the College does not receive some kind of budget increase, according to Floyd Belk, vice president for academic affairs.

"We can successfully make it now," Belk said, "but obviously we cannot contain the problem over an extended period of time."

Some have questioned the priorities of the CBHE, claiming its funding formula does not account for the kind of growth

seen by such institutions as Southern and Southwest Missouri State University. Southern received a \$13,253,800 budget recommendation for fiscal year 1991 from Gov. John Ashcroft.

Missouri Western has a full-time equivalency enrollment of 1,000 less than Southern's, yet Ashcroft has recommended for Western a budget that is similar to Southern's (see related graphic, this page).

On the other end of the scale, Northwest Missouri State University, which has seen declining enrollment figures, received a recommendation of \$19,348,602, nearly 46 percent more than Southern's.

## 'Careless deer hunter' breaks library window

A rifle shot which broke a large glass window in the Spiva Library last week has turned out to be nothing more than an accident by a "careless deer hunter."

"We assume that the hunter was very far away when the shot was fired," said Bill Boyer, chief of security. "After further investigation we concluded that the bullet was tumbling at the time it hit the glass."

The bullet, which Boyer said probably came from a 30-caliber, high-powered rifle sometime the night of Feb. 28, struck a bay window on the second floor of the

east side of the library and penetrated through a one-inch-thick window and Venetian blind before lodging in a book.

The trajectory of the bullet indicated that it came from off-campus, perhaps across Duquesne Road near Turkey Creek.

Mary Lou Dove, librarian, first noticed the breakage early Thursday morning, March 1. The Joplin police department later was called in to investigate.

"At this point in time we're just assuming it was an accident by some careless deer hunter," Boyer said. "We may eventually find out exactly who it was, but for

now we going on that assumption."

The 45-foot by 75-foot window, weighing approximately 150 pounds, will have to be custom made at a cost of nearly \$500.

Harold Dugan, director of the physical plant, said the College already has ordered the window, which will arrive in two or three weeks.

"Once we get the window, we'll have to wait and see what the weather will do for us," said Dugan. "To put the window in, we'll have to put up scaffolding on the south side of the library, two stories up."



## TV station expands its range

Carthage gets K57DR

In a bid to expand its viewing area, K57DR Missouri Southern's low-power television station, is now broadcasting on the Carthage cable system.

According to Judy Stiles, K57DR community services director, the programming, which began on Feb. 23, includes such shows as "Jean Campbell's Showcase" and "Newsmakers" as well as some national programming.

"It will include what we access locally," said Stiles. "It's a variety of the programs produced locally and some syndicated programming."

Another program to be broadcast, "What's Current in Carthage," will discuss current events in the city and present features on local businesses and residents.

"It's a program we've had for a while," Stiles said. "It's produced by people in Carthage. They were the first community to do a community focus program."

Stiles said Carthage citizens are responsible for programming the show and scheduling guests. However, the technical aspects of taping will be handled by Southern students.

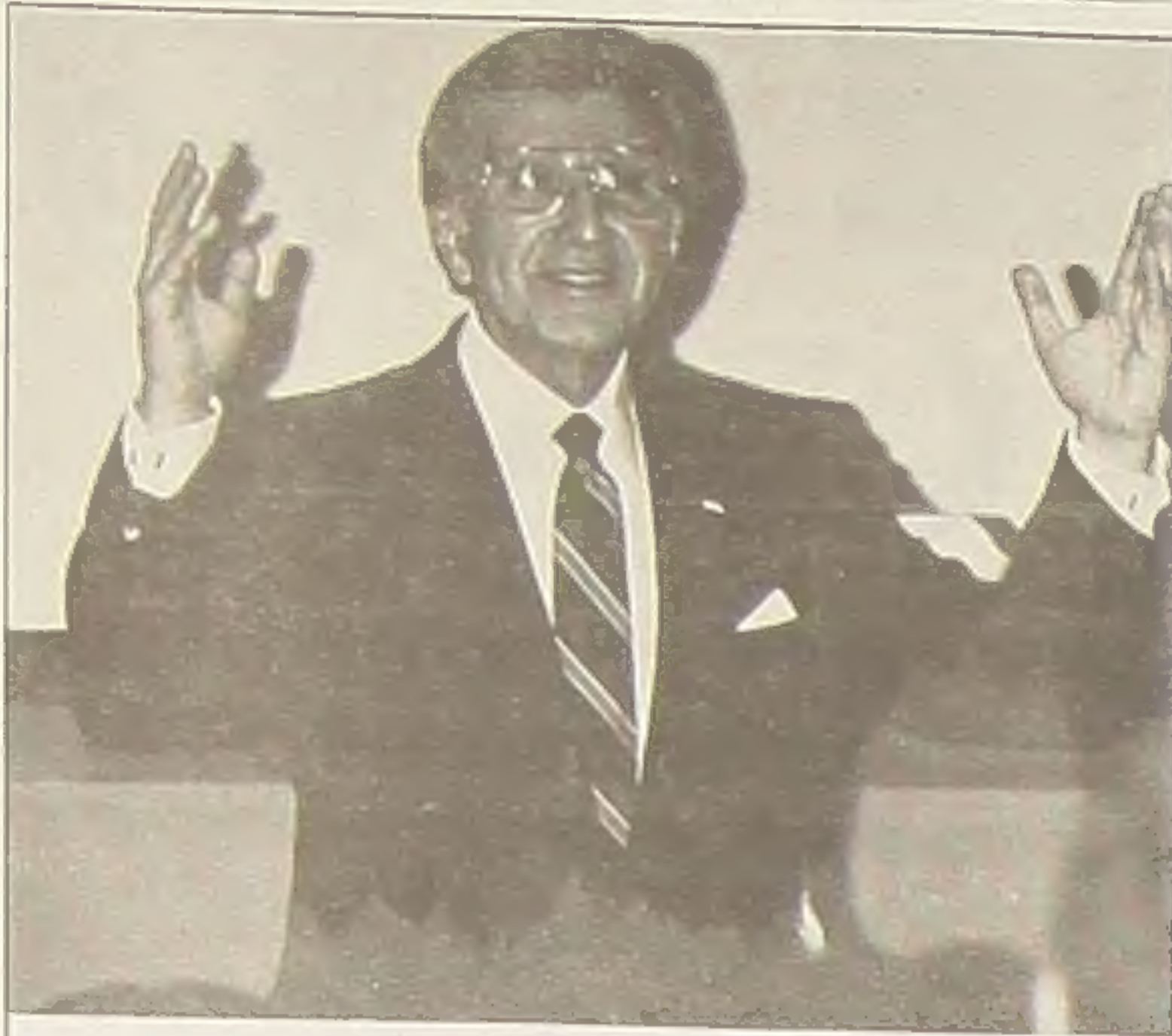
The only cost of putting K57DR on the Southwest Missouri Cable Company system, which serves Carthage, was new equipment to produce a better signal for the company to receive. Beyond that, Stiles said, there is not a fee charged by either party. Benefits, however, are derived by both the College and Carthage.

"It allows them (Southwest Missouri Cable) to provide more local programming to their viewers, and it allows the College more exposure," said Stiles.

She also said K57DR is considering coverage of the Carthage City Council meetings.

"Just like any other community, they deal with a lot of issues that affect everyone," she said.

K57DR will air in Carthage on channel 12, between 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m., Sunday through Friday.



STAFF PHOTO BY MARK ANCELL

**Lecture Series** Thomas Haggal, chairman of the board for IGA, spoke to a group at Matthews Auditorium last week.

## Annie Wu donates painting

A continuing education instructor at Missouri Southern has donated a painting, "Breeze on the Fourth of July," to the continuing education office.

According to Dr. Jerry Williams, director of continuing education, Annie Wu has donated the painting as a farewell gift to the office. Wu is leaving at the end of March to move to California.

"She's been teaching for us for the last three years," said Williams. "She's enjoyed her experience at Southern and gave it to us as sort of a gift."

The painting is a watercolor scene of the American flag and surrounding landscape in front of Southern's Taylor Hall.

Williams said he is sorry to see Wu leave.

"She is a very friendly person and very competent," he said. "She was a real asset to the program."

Originally from Shanghai, Wu grew up in Taiwan. She was a piano teacher there before she took an interest in art. Not believing she could make a living from art in Taiwan, Wu moved to Los Angeles. After getting married, she moved to Joplin in 1987 with her husband.

When Wu leaves at the end of March, she and her husband will return to California. Wu plans to open an art gallery in Chimayo and sell her paintings.

"I want to live off of my artwork," she said.

## Researchers express concern about plant

BY KATY HURN  
ASSISTANT EDITOR

After completing two years of research on an endangered plant, Dr. James Jackson and a Missouri Southern graduate recently presented a report to representatives of the Midwestern Region of the National Park Service (NPS).

Jackson, professor of biology, and Lisa Thomas, a biology graduate, teamed up in September 1987 to begin research on the plant called *Lesquerella filiformis*.

Because of his experience in applied vegetational management research, Jackson had previously been asked by repre-

sentatives of the NPS to write a proposal to conduct the research. Twenty-three institutions competed for the proposal.

A \$41,000 NPS research contract provided full-time summer research stipends for Anna Miller and Debbie Lundstrum, senior biology majors. Funds were provided for four other biology majors to work on the project part-time.

Thomas conducted her research in the fields at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield, focusing on the habitat of *Lesquerella filiformis*, while Jackson transported the seeds and grew the plants in the lab at the College. He studied the germination physiology of the plant.

*Lesquerella filiformis* grows on limestone glades, a rare habitat in Missouri. Currently it exists in only three counties—Dade, Greene, and Christian.

soil samples to count the tiny seeds of the plant.

Thomas said drawbacks in her research were related to environmental conditions. She started her research in February 1988 and many times got caught in cold and wet weather.

Thomas also was concerned that her research be accurate.

"There are some unique problems in working with an endangered species," she said. "You feel a weight of responsibility. I still haven't lost a commitment to the plant."

According to Jackson, the research has caused the midwestern region of the NPS to regard the *Lesquerella filiformis* plant as the No. 1 priority. Any money it has for plants will be used for this endangered species first.

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—Lisa Thomas, Southern biology graduate

## Missouri Constitution Test

For students who need to take the test on the Missouri Constitution, please observe the following schedule:

Lecture

Thursday, April 12, 12:20 p.m., MA-101

Test

Thursday, April 19, 12:20 p.m., MA-101

All out-of-state students who plan to graduate in May, 1990 or July, 1990, who have not taken U.S. Govt. or State & Local Govt. in a Missouri college should see Dr. Malzahn, Rm. H-318 on or before April 10 to sign up to take the test.

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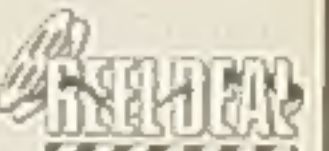
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Rubbing elbows

Student senators Mary Hanewinkel and Kevin Otipoby talk to Dr. Charles McClain, higher education commissioner, during a luncheon last week.

STAFF PHOTO BY JIMMY L. SEXTON

## Seniors attend job fair

Three Missouri Southern students recently attended the fourth annual "Careers 90" fair in Chicago.

Seniors Lynn Spicer, Craig Leonard, and Jim Baranoski turned out for the event with approximately 1,900 other students from the Midwest. The fair took place at the Chicago Hilton Hotel Feb. 27-28.

According to Nancy Disharoon, director of placement, about 15 to 20 students from Southern applied by preparing resumes and cover letters. However, only three were selected to attend.

Disharoon said this year recruiters were looking to interview students who were majoring in specialized, more technical fields.

"By this point, employers are almost desperately looking for people in computer science, and minorities," she said. "It's a supply and demand sort of thing. They look for what they're having trouble recruiting."

Some 50 firms from across the nation met with the students.

"The students stood in line to see one

employer sometimes for an hour, but they felt it was worthwhile," Disharoon said. "It also gave them a realistic picture of what the competition is like out there."

Disharoon also believed this opportunity provided the students with good exposure.

"I knew there would be some of the major recruiters there that we wouldn't get on campus," she said.

Spicer, a senior accounting major, met with 18 different employers at the fair. She said many of them were interested in her grade-point average, work experience, and participation in organizations.

Although she didn't participate in any actual interviews, she plans to send follow-up letters and transcripts to those companies she is interested in.

A senior double majoring in marketing and management and economics and finance, Leonard said some employers put more emphasis on grade-point average, and others on work experience.

"It was hard to decide what employers were looking for because they all had a certain thing they were attracted to," he said.

## Senate lobbies lawmakers

Rep. Staponski calls students 'best' he's ever had at Capitol

BY JIMMY L. SEXTON  
MANAGING EDITOR

Twenty-six members of the Student Senate traveled to the State Capitol last week to conduct an annual luncheon for Missouri lawmakers.

"This is much more than just a visit with the legislators and a tour of the Capitol," said Doug Carnahan, adviser to the Senate. "Each year it gets a little better and more meaningful to our senators. I also think it's something that we need to do every year, just to let the legislators know Missouri Southern is on the map and is interested in what is happening."

"Those Southern kids were some of the best students I've ever had in the Capitol," said Rep. Earl Staponski (R-Pierce City), who met with the students for nearly two hours. "They made quite an impression on me because they were very interested in various issues pending before the legislature, and they seemed very bright and attentive."

On Feb. 27 the students visited with many of the legislators and gave them green buttons in attach to their shirts, in hopes of attracting them to their noon luncheon.

Carnahan estimated about 500 persons

came through the serving line, including secretaries, representatives, senators, and several area lawmakers. Attorney General Bill Webster and Dr. Charles McClain, the state's commissioner for higher education, also attended the luncheon.

"I really enjoyed the luncheon, and I think MSSC did a great job in preparing it," said Sen. Emory Melton (R-Cassville).

that they are becoming routine, they seem to agree it is an worthwhile effort that needs to be continued.

Sara Woods, Student Senate president, said that while it is hard to measure the trip's success, the students did receive a favorable response.

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"We never see any direct results from this trip, but I'm sure it helps us in the long run, and it gets us recognized and lets the people up there know we're here."

—Sara Woods, Student Senate president

"Missouri Southern needs to keep on everybody's minds that there is a MSSC, and one that is very interested in keeping up with what is happening in Jefferson City."

Almost every higher education institution in Missouri hosts some kind of luncheon for the lawmakers each year. Though many college officials and some legislators admit these luncheon are so numerous

us in the long run, and it gets us recognized and lets the people up there know we're here."

"One of the most beneficial things we got to do was to talk with Rep. Staponski," she said. "He was very receptive and seemed to take a special interest in what Southern's students had to say."

## Getting down to business

From the Business Office, Hearnes Hall Room 210

<b>The Week of March 4</b>	<b>3/06/90</b> Billing for mid-term classes mailed	<b>3/07/90</b> Reminder: final dorm installment payment due on 3-15-90	<b>3/09/90</b> Financial Aid checks available in the Business Office	<b>3/09/90</b> Student refund checks mailed
<b>The Week of March 19</b>	<b>3/19/90</b> Final dorm payment due	<b>3/20/90</b> Payment due for mid-term classes	<b>3/20/90</b> Student time sheets for February due	<b>3/23/90</b> Financial aid checks available in the Business Office
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## OUR EDITORIALS

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## A right step

About one-third of all faculty at Missouri Southern have attained a degree from either Pittsburg State University or this college. It's not certain that fresh ideas have become stagnant, but the numbers give cause for concern. Certainly, it is justifiable to worry about a faculty which finds its plurality gaining degrees from this area. Missouri Southern is stuck with the ideas of MSSC and PSU, which is not a bad thing. However, the diversity of opinions that accompany a college or university is lost on an institution that depends on itself and area institutions for its instructors.

The College proffers a viable explanation for the problem. Administrators claim that when Southern started operations in 1967, it was natural to look to area institutions for instructors. It is 1990, and we are encouraged that the College is stepping up efforts to recruit faculty from other parts of the country. According to Dr. Floyd Belk, vice president for academic affairs, the College tries to fill new faculty positions by looking outside the four-state region. It is a step in the right direction for an institution that otherwise might find itself riddled with in-breeding.

If Southern is to fulfill its educational hopes, current and potential faculty must be willing to travel to receive a quality education. We cannot always trust PSU or Southwest Missouri State University to supply us with a liberal arts education.

## Sen. Webster

Richard Webster was no ordinary man. He was a leader who never spoke softly and always carried a big legislative stick.

The man who has been called Missouri Southern's best friend died Sunday. Webster, who fought long, grueling battles for the establishment of this institution, was a man of considerable power. In fact, he was called the most powerful person in Missouri government. Right or wrong, he accomplished many tasks, a reputation that preceded him wherever he went.

It is fitting that his funeral will be on the grounds of his baby, Southern. Webster always fought for this institution, and this loss will not only wound us emotionally, but also could do damage from a political standpoint. The College owned leverage in Webster; he was someone we could count on. It is doubtful that southwest Missouri, Southern in particular, will find itself such a leader again.

Richard Webster was a special friend of *The Chart's*. He spoke at our 50th anniversary celebration in November and played a key role in establishing our Capitol internship. His influence, guidance, and friendship will be sorely missed by all.



## Racism promoted by all ethnic groups

BY CARINE PETERSON  
EDITORIAL PAGE EDITOR

I know it seems like racism has been talked and argued over until it has been pounded into the ground, but let me discuss it from a slightly different viewpoint.

Since I moved to Joplin in 1988, I have had to constantly explain myself, not in dialogue, but about what type of person I am in physical looks. As a part-time checker at Wal-Mart I have seen a variety of people go through my lane; in fact I think the entire population of Joplin has come through. The majority of people are friendly and civil, but other people are downright rude! Let me make one thing clear—this is not a column to lash rude customers. That is another story. The way I classify these certain rude customers I am referring to are when they bluntly ask me, "So, what are you?" Hmm... I thought I was a human being and an American when I last looked. They ask, "Are you Japanese or Chinese?" Neither, I inform them. What usually proceeds is a guessing game. I have been classified as Japanese, Chinese, Indian, and a Hawaiian. The Hawaiian concept is a real kick. I think if I was Hawaiian,



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I would probably still be there enjoying the beach and the pineapples.

I find absolutely nothing wrong with any of these ethnic groups, but I get offended when people stand there and try to guess what I am. They usually do not let me get a word in edgewise to tell them where I really was born. Of course, I could tell them straight out that I am an American who just happened to be born in South Korea. Something inside me, though, wants to see how far people will go and how rude they can be to get there.

One particular incident stays in my mind. A man asked me if I was Japanese. I quickly informed him where I was born (no games today—this is the express lane). He yells, "You can't be!" Hmm... Maybe this guy is a specialist. He claimed to have seen plenty of Japanese and said he knew what a Japanese looks like. Not only was this guy stalling my express lane, he also was calling me a liar. To this day, the man probably still believes he is right and I am wrong. Hey, what do I know, anyway?

I know racism is everywhere, but folks, so far this is the only place I have heard people say "We have the good type of black people here" and "We have to actually search to find a minority." Maybe Joplin should wake up and wonder why this is. Aren't we supposed to love one another, no matter what our physical differences are?

Many people say they are not racists and even offer proof to confirm that fact: they have a minority as a friend, or they live next to a minority. I wonder, though, how many people can say they are not racist and still let their son or daughter date someone of a different race. This is probably the truest test of all.

Racism is not promoted by white people only. There is racism among all races. Why don't black people want black children to be adopted by white families? Both heritages still can be instilled in the child. Other races are known to separate into different skin tones, for example, the lightness or darkness of your skin. Stupidity!

Oh, well, if it were not for our skin color, we would separate into some other group, such as the big-foot group. Knowing human nature, we usually find something to separate ourselves.

Racism is petty, and the only way we can overcome it is to settle the differences. Unfortunately, it is not that easy. While the majority gripes about privileges the minorities receive, the minorities gripe about the privileges the majority receives. Does anybody have any good ideas?

I really do not mind people asking me where I am from; in fact, it is a good conversation starter, just like my name. I would rather have people ask me where I am from instead of just making an assumption.

Hey, by the way, where did you come from?

## Missouri police may be poorly trained

BY DONALD L. SENEKER  
DIRECTOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAMS

Police officers sometimes hold life and death in their hands! They are called upon to take charge of crises of every sort from injury accidents to emotionally disturbed gunmen. I don't have to paint the picture. The frightening part, about which I do feel morally obligated to warn you, is that many of these critically important persons have little if any preparation in the tasks, and if they do have some training in that situation it is almost accidental that they received it.

What happened? Did you think police officers and deputy sheriffs all had to be trained? Not so. Did you think the government was protecting you from police blunder or ignorance by a program of required training that brought recruits up to a reasonable standard? Not



## IN PERSPECTIVE

in Missouri, at least!

I'll tell you what happened. I have been involved with it since the inception of the Missouri minimum standards bill. What happened was that every state in the Union had a program of required training for their police officers, every state that is except Missouri. We were the last ones to admit that tragedy could happen and was happening due to poor training.

A committee was formed and recommendations were made to the legislature for a 240-hour course of instruction that officers would be required to take either before going to work, or within that first year. Few really felt 240 hours was enough, considering that the national average is twice that, but it was a foot in the door. Then the Missouri legislature started chopping on it. "We can't afford to send our policemen away for that much training," some claimed. Others simply didn't agree that it was all that important. We'd been doing without any formal training all this time, anyway.

The result was that Missouri ended up with a 120-hour training standard for officers in most of the state. Those in big cities like St. Louis and Kansas City were to get 600 hours. I suppose they thought the job was tougher there. What they didn't realize was that while big city officers have back-up cars a few blocks away and can call upon all kinds of specialists to help them, the lonely outstate officer may have to handle any and all kinds of incidents, not infrequently alone. I spent my first 14 years in police work in the Kansas City area. There are bad folks there. There are bad folks here.

The policeman may hold your life in his or her hands. Yet, we require not less than 2,000 hours in a six-month period for our cosmetologists or hairdressers. A barber must have at least 1,000 hours. Where is our sense of priorities? Missouri has the lowest requirements still of all states. Hawaii requires 780 hours. Minnesota recruits must have a two-year degree in criminal justice before they can take the required 400-hour basic training course. If you can see the reasoning behind this, I'd like for you to explain it.

Don't sleep too securely at night.

## YOUR LETTERS

Please submit "Letters to the Editor" to The Chart office in Hearn Hall 117 by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition. All letters must be typed or printed neatly, and signed. Letters of fewer than 300 words receive priority consideration.

## Respect for 'God' is troublesome

I would like to address the continuing discussion of the Spencer Bartlett Award which seems to be so divisive. I sat through the Faculty Senate discussion and, I trust, considered the matter fairly. Indeed, near the end of the discussion, I proposed what I believed was a compromise to the issue which would have allowed the College to approach the trustees of the fund which makes the award possible, as Dr. Peterson recommended. That proposal suggested that we discuss a modification in the criteria to broaden the award's "ethical base." If rejected, the College could

still retain or decide to refuse the award.

Let us consider a point or two. Have we assumed this award is "Christian" only? The simple criteria do not specify that. What I presume is the most troublesome criterion suggests a respect for "God." I have to assume that easily allows the Jehovah of the Judeo-Christian tradition as well as Allah. "God" is not circumscribed by that award even though it may imply or seem to imply the Judeo-Chris-

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## Criteria of award should be revised and updated

The criteria of the Spencer Bartlett Respect Award have received much attention recently from both *The Chart* and the Faculty Senate. Part of the criteria calls for the recipients to be students who "have the greatest respect for God, the United States of America, and their fellow man."

Having served on the selection committee, I admit that I never paid much attention to the stated criteria—I did not take it seriously enough. Instead, I focused on the accomplishments of the applicants. I believe the other

committee members did this also.

However, the College must seriously consider the criteria of the award. It should be updated and revised. Much emphasis is placed on this award, which should reflect the progressive attitudes of an institution of higher learning. There seems to be a contradiction in the criteria. Part of having respect for our fellow man (or woman) is having respect for the fact that he or she may or may not believe in a God. Therefore, the award, itself, fails to meet its own criteria.

The students of Missouri Southern appreciate the support that they receive from the community; without that support this college would not have materialized. The students are not unappreciative of the support offered by the Bartlett award; they only desire that its criteria be more reflective of the "soul" of the College—the message that we wish to send forth.

Sara Woods

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# Colleagues recall Webster's brilliance, eloquence, service

BY JIMMY L. SEXTON  
MANAGING EDITOR

The death of State Sen. Richard M. Webster is more than just a loss to Missouri government.

The Carthage Republican, perhaps the most influential person in Missouri politics and easily one of the most respected, served the state for 42 years. He is remembered by his colleagues and friends as a kind and fatherly person, but also one who knew state government like the back of his hand.

"He was respected by everyone," said Sen. Danny Staples (D-Eminence). "We all have enemies, but even his enemies respected him. The senator was very brilliant and was one of the most versed men on the Missouri constitution and procedures."

"He was the Senate historian and a legend in his own time."

Much of Webster's power derived from his friendships with "people from all walks of life, from farmers and truck drivers in Jasper County to businessmen, bankers, educators, clergy, and labor leaders around the state." The rail-thin legislator was widely known for his love of storytelling about pitched battles in the Capitol "back during the good old days."

phibious crafts and operated the first landing barge ashore in the invasion of two islands, Luban and Masbate.

In 1948, after returning to Carthage to practice law, Webster was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives, where he served for six years. Then, in 1954, House Speaker L.A. Vondereschmidt died of a heart attack, and, at the age of 31, Webster was elected as the youngest speaker of the house in the history of the state of Missouri. It also marked the last time a Republican held that position.

In 1956, Webster was the GOP nominee for lieutenant governor, but lost to Edward V. Long, who subsequently became a U.S. senator.

"I ran for the fun of it," said Webster. "I didn't expect to win, but the party wanted someone to help get out the vote in the southwest corner of the state to help Dewey Short."

Webster was elected to the Senate in 1962, marking a 28-year tenure in that seat. His opponent that year, Dr. Robert Cable, became Webster's campaign manager in 1966, the last year he was opposed in the general election.

In December 1989 Webster announced his plans to run for an eighth term in 1990. Just before his surgery last week,

Carthage lawmaker worked hard at what he did and always accomplished what he set out to do.

"There was an aura about him," said Licklider. "He was absolutely brilliant."

"With Dick Webster, you always knew there would be consequences. If you were his friend, he'd help you if he could. You could disagree with him and he didn't mind. But if you lied to him or lied about him, he would bound you to the ends of the earth or at least out of the Capitol."

Sen. John Scott (D-St. Louis), who was Webster's seatmate in the Senate for 14 years, said the late senator devoted nearly his entire life to the people of the state.

"Dick was a tremendous craftsman and an outstanding senator," Scott said. "The respect he had among his colleagues was just unbelievable. He was the core of the Senate, and there will never, ever be another Dick Webster."

## Webster helps create MSSC

In a statement released by Missouri Attorney General William L. Webster, son of Richard Webster, one of the late senator's proudest achievements was in sponsoring the legislation that created Missouri Southern College.

"Dick created MSSC and looked after it like it were his own child," said Scott. "He was very proud of that institution and watched over it and southwest Missouri with a very careful eye."

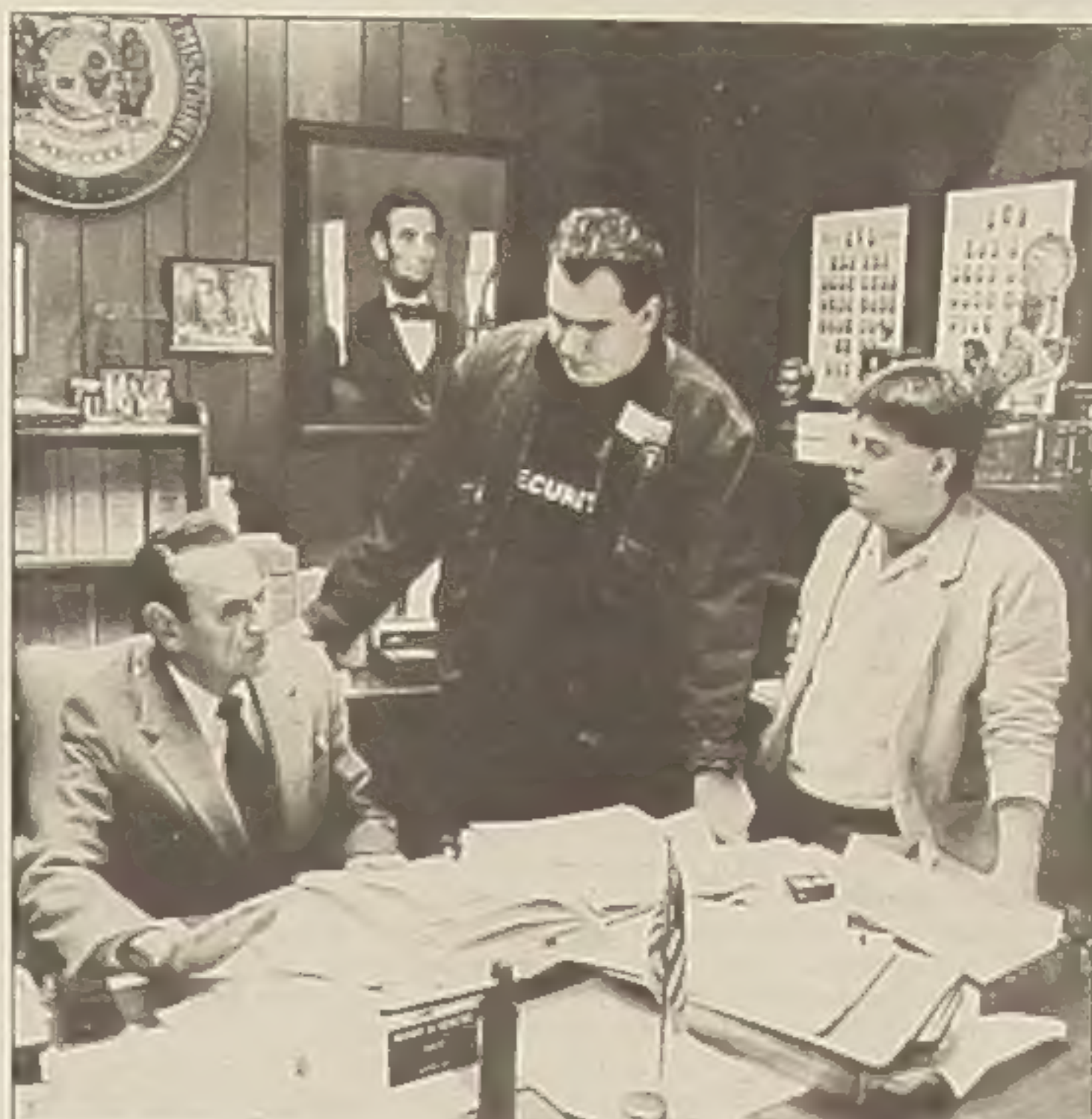
Southern President Julio Leon said that as a result of Webster's dedication and admiration of the College, the school has built up its credibility and reputation at the State Capitol.

"Every time he talked to somebody he talked very highly of the College and *The Chart*," said Leon. "Over the years he's built us up a credibility in the legislature which I think will still be felt for a long time."

"I think we'll have a lot of good friends as a result of Richard Webster."

Leon said he last visited with the senator on Feb. 7 when senior Anna Miller was honored at the Capitol.

"Through the seven years that I've been president here, I've gone to him many



FILE PHOTO

## With students

Sen. Richard Webster always took time out of his busy schedule to visit with members of Missouri Southern's Student Senate when they visited the State Capitol. In this 1988 photo, Webster explains pending legislation to Mike Daugherty (center) and Jeff Morrissey. The large wall portrait of Abraham Lincoln was given to Webster in 1974 because of their physical resemblance. Webster, in fact, portrayed Lincoln in a 1962 performance at the Joplin Little Theatre.



FILE PHOTO

## Two veterans

Sen. Richard Webster, a World War II veteran, often was sympathetic with the plight of the POWs. In March 1987 he met with Roy Pendergast, a representative of the American Ex-POW organization, to discuss an official day of remembrance within the state.

He had an extensive knowledge of Senate procedure and was highly respected for taking care of southwest Missouri. When he spoke, his fellow lawmakers usually listened with an attentive ear.

"He was an exceptional person and a very close friend," said Sen. Dennis Smith (R-Springfield). "Webster was one of these rare, unique individuals who come along once in a while. He knew all the issues and the system well enough to make it work effectively."

"He had a depth of understanding about the political and democratic process that was unrivaled in Missouri politics, and that's what make him such an institution."

## State representative at age 26

Richard Melton Webster was born April 29, 1922, in Carthage, which was still his home at the time of his death. He was educated in the Carthage public school system and went on to graduate from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1948 with a juris doctorate. His schooling was interrupted from 1941-45 when he served in the United States Coast Guard in the South Pacific during World War II. He served as an operator of am-

Webster dismissed the possibility that open-heart surgery would hinder his 1990 campaign.

## Webster makes many friends

Staples said it was Webster who taught him the unwritten rules about decorum in the Senate chamber. Though the two men were from different political parties, they were often known to combine forces to "liven up" the proceedings on the chamber floor by telling jokes.

"There's a void there the Senate will never be able to fill," said Staples, who added that Webster's death will affect every bill that come up for debate on the Senate floor for the rest of the session. "With Dick Webster gone, we're not going to be the same Senate we've been."

Webster's reputation as a "statehouse kingpin" was reinforced many years ago when a *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* reporter quoted a lobbyist as saying, "Dick Webster controls the Senate." The reporter later quoted someone else as disagreeing. "No, the lobbyists control the Senate; Webster controls the lobbyists."

Samuel Licklider, a lobbyist for the Missouri Association of Realtors, said the



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## Guest speaker

Sen. Richard Webster delivered Missouri Southern's 17th commencement address on May 18, 1985, in Fred G. Hughes Stadium. Seated behind Webster are Loren Olson, president of the Board of Regents, and College President Julio Leon. Webster was instrumental in the establishment of Southern as a four-year institution through legislation introduced in 1965.

# Webster took a genuine interest in Southern's students

BY RICHARD W. MASSA  
HEAD, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS

Nearly anyone who ever knew Sen. Richard Webster had a story to tell about him. And he had stories to tell, as well. He was, as he liked to say, "just a country boy trying to do his job." That job, as a member of the Missouri General Assembly, began in 1948 when he decided to become a candidate for the House of Representatives. He was 26 years old, newly married, and just out of law school. He was also just three years out of military service.

Those who supported him in that first campaign became life-long friends of his. The very first letter of support for his candidacy included a check, the very first campaign contribution to elect Richard Webster to office. He

never forgot the individual who sent the check, and Webster frequently mentioned the donor's generosity and impact on his career in conversations and in letters to that contributor's son and grandchildren.

As that son, I became a beneficiary of some of Webster's good and gentle humor and was on occasion, rare occasion, privy to some of his reminiscing. One such time was two years ago when Webster was visiting in my office with a former Democratic colleague who told him that he should have gone to Washington. "You would have been a great U.S. Senator."

Sen. Webster went to the east wall of my office, pointed to a picture of a young man on the wall and said, "He's a college teacher today. That one," he said, pointing to another, "works for the State's Attorney General, and that

one," pointing to yet another picture. "It is public relations for one of the most important groups in Missouri. And all these," he said, as he swept his hand across the wall of pictures, "were editors of the best college newspaper in the state—and probably in the nation. I think I've done all right, regardless."

Sen. Webster took a special pride in *The Chart*. A full-page story about massage parlors in Joplin was a favorite of his in the late 1970s. Two women reporters had gone "undercover" to report the story which attracted a great deal of attention.

Sen. Webster remarked that no "professional newspaper had the guts to report the story."

Sen. Webster was fond of saying that reporters from *The Chart* knew how to ask questions and how to get

answers. He repeated all sorts of stories about the newspaper to colleagues in Jefferson City and at gatherings in Joplin and Carthage.

When the State Senate created a new position requiring a person with a newspaper background, he telephoned me and told me to send someone from *The Chart* who had graduated and was looking for a job. "There's a real job to be done here," he said. "We don't have time for amateurs from some schools of journalism. We need someone who can report. We need someone from *The Chart*."

One letter he wrote to me contained some of his own journalistic experiences; he had been editor of the Carthage high school newspaper; he had been on the staff of the University of Missouri's humor magazine; and he had been author of a skit for a variety

show at the University. He was suspended as editor of the newspaper; the magazine was banned from campus for indecency; and the skit lost his fraternity its social privileges for a year. "Something's got to be done about these young journalists," he wrote.

There are many tales to be told about Dick Webster. Mine are mostly tied up with his concern for my students; it was a genuine concern, and he took a genuine interest in their student careers and in their post-student careers. Not one conversation ever omitted his asking about one of the past editors or staff members of *The Chart*. And he was always proud to hear they were doing OK.

"Because," he once said, "they're my students, too."



## Southern plays host to 11th History Day

BY DIANE VAN DERA  
CAMPUS EDITOR

True to tradition, Missouri Southern will host History Day again this year.

Events have been scheduled from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday on the third floor of the Billingsly Student Center.

National History Day began in 1974 in an attempt to get junior and senior high school students to learn more and become more interested in the history of the nation. Former President Ronald Reagan commended the program for "helping to develop an increased appreciation of our rich historical heritage." Southern has been hosting History Day since 1980.

The event was started by Dr. David Van Tassel and his colleagues at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland as a pilot program in the Cleveland area. Since that time, the number of students participating has grown from 100 to more than 350,000 in 45 states and the District of Columbia.

Each year, students must compete under a different theme. This year's theme is "Science and Technology in History." According to Dr. Paul Teverow, assistant professor of history, competing students must present original projects and are expected to develop an entry on that theme.

The contest is divided into two divisions: junior, grades six-eight; and senior, grades nine-12. These students then compete in four categories. These include a historical research paper of five to 10 pages discussing either a person or event important to historical science and technology; a project, either individually or in a group of no more than five students; a performance which re-enacts an important event in history relating to the theme, either individual or in a group of no more than five; and a media presentation, a

slide show, a student-produced film, or a computer program that relates to the theme and is done entirely by the students. Once again, this can be either individually or in a group.

The historical papers are the only papers which must be turned in prior to the event. All other projects are viewed on History Day.

Judges must consider the historical quality of the entry, which counts for 60 percent of the points. Next is the quality of the presentation, which counts for 20 percent, and third is adherence to the theme, also 20 percent. History Day judges are working historians or professionals who volunteer their time. Most district six judges are Southern faculty, though Teverow said the George Washington Carver National Monument staff will help.

"George Washington Carver personnel know how to construct a good museum exhibit, so they are ideal for judging the displays," said Teverow.

On this History Day, Southern will host district six, which covers 12 counties. Approximately 16 schools will compete with 49 junior-level students and 63 senior-level students overall.

The students chosen as first, second, and third place in each category will go on to the state competition at University of Missouri-Columbia on April 7. From there, the winners will go to the national competition at the University of Maryland in June.

According to Teverow, the number of students competing this year is down.

In the past, this district has been the biggest contest in Missouri, he said, "due in part from the excellent job Professor [Annetta] St. Clair did. We do have indications that numbers are down all over the state. We hope the numbers will go up again after this year."



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Whoa, mule!

Steve Hagensicker, who lives near Southern, exercises his mule, "Bud" in the field behind the dormitory housing. Hagensicker is getting his mule in shape for an annual hunting trip to Colorado.

## Club takes trip to opera

In the interest of bringing cultural activities to foreign language students, the Modern Communications Club is going to the opera.

At 3 p.m. Thursday the club will leave Missouri Southern's main parking lot for a presentation of *La Traviata*. The Verdi opera will be held at the Performing Arts Center in Tulsa.

"It should be a lot of fun," said Dr. Hal Bodon, professor of French and German. "This is the first time that a lot of students have been to the opera."

"We'd like to do these types of things at least once a semester—it depends on the availability of cultural events."

According to Bodon, the communica-

tions department has been searching for a cultural activity for interested students to attend for some time before coming upon this performance.

"It looks as if the Tulsa opera was the only opportunity we had this semester that was close enough to be feasible to take the students," Bodon said.

Prior to the opera, the group will have dinner at Ursula's Bavarian Inn, an authentic German restaurant in Tulsa.

While students must pay for the meal, transportation will be provided by the communications department. Tickets for the opera were purchased by funds allocated by the Student Senate, which allotted \$600 to the organization.

## CAB chooses to change annual trip

Campus Activities Board decides to go to South Padre Island for Spring Break

For a change, this year the Campus Activities Board has decided to take its annual spring break to South Padre Island.

"For as long as I can remember, at least seven years straight, CAB has gone to Daytona [Beach]," said Jason Spurlin, executive chairman of tour and travel for the CAB. "I thought it would be a nice change to go to Padre."

"In Padre kids can have more fun. In Texas, you just have to be 18 to get into nightclubs, and you can go across the border into Mexico. In Florida, you have to be 21, and once you're in Florida, that's it."

Spurlin also said the CAB wanted to work again with Great Destinations, a travel company.

"I wanted to work with the same company as we did Christmas break," he said. "They did an awesome job of finding us nice rooms and arranged a really nice trip. When I contacted them, I found that they only offered a trip to Padre, but not Daytona."

Other considerations for the change included the location of the resort condominiums, which are new and located on the main beach in South Padre. The area is promoted as "the nicest place on the beach." The trip also is less expensive than the usual excursion to Daytona.

The price for the trip is \$100 for the condominium room, and the CAB has added \$40 for roundtrip transportation by College van. Spurlin suggests that students take at least \$200 extra because meals are

not included.

Included in the trip's cost are:

- Seven nights' condominium accommodations at Sunchase Resort Complex.
- A welcome celebration with refreshments, including entertainment and the Campus Beach Club's activities, contests, and prizes.
- One free session of the Island Club's Trimaran or Hobie Cat Sailing.
- Elimination co-ed beach volleyball tournament with prizes.
- Farewell party with "the best of everything."
- Free transportation across the border to Mexico.
- And all resort taxes.

Southern reserved 30 spots for the trip, and all are filled.

## Upcoming Events

<b>Today</b> March 6	<b>Interviews</b> Dillard's Data Processing Sign up Room 207 BSC	<b>Math League</b> Noon Connor Ballroom BSC	<b>International Club</b> 3 p.m. Room 313 BSC	<b>CAB Movie</b> 'Say Anything' 7 p.m. & 9:30 p.m. Lions' Den
<b>Tomorrow</b> March 7	<b>Interviews</b> FDIC Sign up Room 207 BSC	<b>Interviews</b> Wal-Mart Stores Inc. Information Systems Sign up Room 207 BSC	<b>International Club Bake Sale</b> 9 a.m. Lions' Den	<b>Student Senate</b> 5:30 p.m. Room 310 BSC
<b>Thursday</b> March 8	<b>Interviews</b> Waddell & Reed, Inc. Sign up Room 207 BSC	<b>Health Clinic</b> 7 a.m. Kuhn Hall	<b>Koinonia</b> Free Lunch 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Basement of dormitory building B	<b>Crossroads</b> 3 p.m. Room 214 Heames Hall
<b>Friday</b> March 9	<b>Indoor Track</b> NCAA Division II Championships Vermillion, S.D. Through Saturday TBA	<b>Baseball</b> at University of Texas Pan American Tournament Edinburg, Texas Through the 18th TBA	<b>Free Coffee</b> Sponsored by the Social Science Club 8 a.m.-Noon Room 111 Mansion	<b>History Day</b> 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Third Floor BSC
<b>Weekend</b> March 10-11				<b>Wesley Foundation</b> Sunday Nile Live 8 p.m. Newman Road UMC
<b>Monday-Friday</b> March 12-16	<b>Spring Break</b>			

## Bicycle Club plans rides for spring

BY KEVIN MCCLINTOCK  
STAFF WRITER

Long and furious rides or slow, leisurely ones are only a few of the activities planned by the Bicycle Club later this spring.

According to Brad Kleindl, instructor of business and creator of the club, the organization's sole prerequisite is ownership of a bicycle.

"The club is not built toward speed or fast and furious races," he added, "but instead is set up to where if a person wants to ride at a slower pace, they can also do that. We have different rides for different people."

With the variation of the pace, Kleindl hopes to attract a wide variety of club members.

"It doesn't matter if students or faculty members want to join," he said. "The club will accept people of all ages who enjoy and love the sport of bicycling."

It was the love for the "twin-wheeled machine" that prompted Kleindl, Kent Fisher, and others to create the club.

"The reason it was started," Kleindl said, "was because there were people interested in getting together and bicycling in an organized fashion. It is always a lot more fun enjoying the sport of bicycling with each other than doing it by yourself."

"So we got the word out, contacted the

students and faculty members who were interested in the organization, and started the formalities in creating a new club, which, among other things, were the creation of a constitution and the selection of officers, and soon Missouri Southern had its own bicycle club."

Kleindl said the idea for a bicycle club is not unusual in America.

Other schools and colleges, as well as regular cities, have these types of organizations," he said. "There is not a very strong club in the Joplin metro area, and so we have become the largest and strongest. Hopefully, when we get strong enough riders and more than 20 members, we can compete in races with other schools. Southwest Missouri State University for example."

The Bicycle Club will have its first organizational meeting next week to plan its spring schedule. Kleindl hopes all who are interested will join the club.

"The club is designed for people of all skills and interests," he said, "and we're looking not only to foster healthy exercise and an enjoyment of the outdoors, but also to give people some very good bicycling skills and to make riding more enjoyable for them."

"Anyone who is interested in joining should watch for our first meeting, and I'll look forward to riding with them in the spring."

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tion context. Could we further consider how we might feel if the award were granted by B'nai B'rith, which could logically require that the conferee be Jewish. Or, perhaps, if an Islamic, Hindu, or Buddhist group sponsored an award, would our feelings be similar? If we might hypothetically welcome those awards (and, I would) why is the Bartlett Award so offensive?

We are not yet as pluralistic as some would desire by circumstances that make southwest Missouri what it is. If we con-

sider awards of broader nature at some future point, does that not mean that we have to accept today's Bartlett Award?

I support Dr. Peterson's representation of the Communications department's concerns as well as those who enthusiastically support the Spencer Bartlett Award. Thank you for the opportunity to air the matter one more time.

Ralph G. Leverett, Ph.D.  
Assistant Professor of Special Education



## Pianist, violinist to perform

BY GWEN MAPLES  
STAFF WRITER

**M**young-Hee Chung, assistant professor of music at Missouri Southern, and Maureen O'Boyle, director of the College's Suzuki Academy, will perform a piano and violin duet at 7:30 p.m. today in Taylor Auditorium.

"It is wonderful to collaborate with one of my colleagues to perform chamber music," said Chung.

"Working with her has been very nice," said O'Boyle. "She is very experienced. The only problem we have encountered along the way is finding the time to work with one another."

According to Chung, many mixed feelings are experienced while a performer plays a piece.

"It is hard to say what the music says to me," she said. "I have a combination of emotions. All the pieces have mixed feelings. Each phrase says something different and sends a different message."

O'Boyle said she draws on her knowledge of the composer of the song for inspiration while playing.

"When I am playing the music, I try to feel what the composer felt at that period in time and what the composer had in mind," she said.

Each selection played, Chung said, has a distinct mood.

"For each piece of music there is a different feeling. Some are gentle and breezy, or some may be melancholy," said Chung.

O'Boyle believes that while performing, she is at her emotional best.

"When I am on stage it seems as though my feelings are at a peak and there is an extra energy felt," she said. "I'm more psyched up and excited than nervous."

The recital will represent three periods: the romantic, classical, and late romantic. The duet will perform Sonata in E minor, K. 304 by W.A. Mozart; Sonata in C minor, op. 45 by E. Grieg; and Sonata in G major, op. 78 by J. Brahms.

Chung began her study in piano in her native Korea. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees from The Juilliard School and her doctorate from the Manhattan School of Music.

Chung was the first-place winner of the 1977 Maryland International Piano Competition and has appeared in recitals throughout the United States and the Far East with orchestras such as the Chicago and Seoul Philharmonics.

O'Boyle has been playing the violin since the age of 11. She received her bachelor of music degree from the University of New Mexico where she was concertmaster of the University of New Mexico Orchestra. She received her master's degree from Yale University.

The concert will be presented free of charge to the public.



A gift to Spiva

This untitled work is one of 100 paintings by the late Katherine Hyde. Spiva Art Center was given their choice of canvases to add to their collection along with 30 percent of the annual income of Hyde's estate.

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## Trust fund to provide about \$30,000 yearly

BY ANGIE STEVENSON  
ARTS EDITOR

**S**piva Art Center, along with others, is to be benefitted by the bequest of a Carthage woman.

Katherine Hyde, who died on April 3, 1989, left her \$1.5 million estate to benefit the arts. Missouri Southern was one of those beneficiaries.

According to John O. Phelps, trust officer for the United Missouri Bank of Carthage, the first step of a two-step process was to collect and manage the assets of Hyde's estate. The creditors were given six months to file claims against the estate.

"The six-month period passed last fall," said Phelps. "We were then able to make a partial distribution of most of the financial assets in the estate."

Enough money was kept in the estate to pay expenses. Some \$1.5 million was distributed to the trust in November.

The trust itself is now mostly funded and is earning income," said Phelps. "I estimate that it will bring in over \$100,000 per year, and that's a conservative figure."

The foremost provision of this income was originally intended to maintain Hyde's home as a Carthage art center. Since the will was written, a group of Carthage artists had already developed an art center. Phelps, who did not find the house suitable for that purpose, said they would find another purpose for the house.

"My current thinking," he said, "is that it would be more useful and beneficial if it were to be used as a habitat for visiting artists who may be teaching lessons, or perhaps teachers at Southern who might teach a course for one semester."

"I don't have a feel yet for how much

demand there will be," he added. "If there is none, we'll find another charitable use for the house."

Phelps said the house is not yet ready for use. He expects it to take at least another six months to finish boxing Hyde's assets and cleaning the house.

"I think when it is finished, it will come as a real help for the art department to know if they had a visiting artist, they wouldn't have the expense of finding housing for them," said Phelps.

After expenses of the house are paid, the remaining income will be divided and distributed semi-annually between the Missouri Southern Foundation, Father Flanagan's Boys Home, Carthage Humane Society, and St. Ann's Catholic School.

Phelps said he anticipates Southern's 30 percent of the income to amount to approximately \$30,000 per year. The first payment may be somewhat less since the trust has not been gaining income for a full six months.

Hyde intended this money to be used to provide tuition, fees, or incidental expenses for students majoring in art at the College, or to sponsor artists in residence at Southern.

Also left to the Spiva Art Center was Hyde's collection of more than 100 paintings, both her own and others. Phelps said Val Christensen, Spiva director, chose six paintings to add to the gallery's collection. The remaining canvases will be used to fill the walls of Hyde's home.

Phelps expects the first semi-annual income to be distributed in May.

"I don't think Katherine had one specific use in mind for her money at Missouri Southern," said Phelps. "She just wanted to support the arts at the College."

## Debate team takes second

Illness fails to affect team's performance in tourney

BY HEATHER ALLEN  
STAFF WRITER

**A**lthough the Missouri Southern debate team has been battling some illnesses lately, the team's performance has not been affected.

Southern finished second overall in the Missouri Association Forensic Activities competition held at the University of Missouri-St. Louis Feb. 24-25.

Ten schools competed for the sweepstakes award, claimed by Southwest Baptist University.

"For the last five to six years they (SBU) finished first overall," Delaney said, "and last year SBU was No. 1 in the nation. SBU is a school with a strong tradition, and they have depth and breadth."

Senior Diane Hampton believes consistency was a key to the team's success.

"Our team did excellent because we took second behind SBU, and they are No. 1 in the nation," Hampton said. "This shows how good and consistent we are

and the possibilities of Southern winning the tournament next year."

Kevin Babbitt, a senior, and Rachel Rinehart, a sophomore, placed third and sixth, respectively, in an oratory competition. Rinehart spoke on discrimination and ethnocentrism.

Third place went to Paul Hood in extemporaneous speaking, and in duo interpretation, Hampton and Babbitt finished fifth with the script of "Babe With the Bath Water," a comedy about raising children by Christopher Durang.

Rinehart, who placed fourth in mixed interpretation, said in this competition one combines many prose of poetry into one act.

"She (Rinehart) has excellent delivery skills and she's a good speech writer; however, her biggest knack is the ability to get along with the judges," Delaney said.

Delaney said he has seen consistent improvement in his team throughout the season.

## Students take trip to NYC

BY KEVIN MCCLINTOCK  
STAFF WRITER

**S**everal Missouri Southern theatre majors will spend spring break taking a bite out of the "Big Apple."

A Southern contingent will leave Saturday for New York City to see Broadway shows and take in some New York atmosphere. The trip is sponsored by the College's theatre department and the office of continuing education.

Dr. Jay Fields, director of theatre, has been taking these excursions to New York City for 11 years. This year will mark the lowest number of students he has taken.

"Here at Missouri Southern, I've had the least amount of response," Fields said, "and I think that is because the kids don't have that kind of cash to throw around. For the first time, more people from town are embarking with us than students, and most of those are

women who got the information about the trip from a flyer we distributed."

Fields says although only 19 people are leaving from Joplin, 70 to 75 will arrive in New York City.

What we do from here is join the University of Wisconsin at Parkside. I usually take around 20 people from Southern and they take around 50 or so students, which gives us a crowd of around 70."

Fields is most excited about the four Broadway shows the group will see—*Phantom of the Opera*, *The City of Angels*, *The Grapes of Wrath*, and *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*.

Fields said there are "good and bad" things about New York City and its people.

"There are some people who would give you the shirt off their back, and then there are the people who would steal the shirt off your back or beat you black and blue. This happens. I've seen it."

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Tulsa	Frankie and Johnny In the Clair De Lune	Angel Romero	The Boys Next Door	Tulsa Indian Art Festival
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## City to construct spec building

BY JOHN FORD  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Because of a desire to enhance economic development in the community, the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce has announced plans to construct another shell building.

According to Chamber president Gary Tonjes, this building will be the third of its kind to be constructed in Joplin since 1978. Tonjes believes the speculative shell building will attract a number of businesses to the area.

"Definitely, projects such as this send a good message to the students at Missouri Southern," said Tonjes, "and that message is that the people in the community are working to create more jobs so they'll have greater employment opportunities."

According to Tonjes, shell buildings are as the name implies—it is a shell in which

a business can locate. The building comes equipped with a gravel floor and temporary lighting. It has no interior rooms or major improvements.

"Shell buildings give prospective companies the option of flexibility," he said. "For instance, if a food processing plant wants to locate in the building, they can put in the drains before they begin laying the concrete. Or, if a company with exceptionally heavy equipment locates in the building, they can pour in 12 inches of concrete instead of six. It offers the companies total flexibility."

Bids were accepted on the 108,000-square foot facility March 1.

"This project, perhaps more than any other development, proves to the people of the area that Joplin is very serious about economic development," Tonjes said. "We expect that this project will propel us to many more successes in the future."

The Joplin Business and Industrial Development Corporation (JBIDC) has directed the construction of the speculative shell structures.

Meanwhile, Tonjes said the Plastic Fabricating Company of Wichita has announced plans of building a 40,000 square foot building across the street from the original speculative building site.

Although Plastic Fabricating didn't locate in the shell building, they first became interested in locating in Joplin because of it, Tonjes said. "They wanted to buy it, but learned it had been sold."

According to Tonjes, the Chamber wants to set Joplin apart from other communities, and is doing so by constructing the largest speculative building in Joplin's history. Tonjes said the new building will be larger than a football field, and will cost between \$850,000 and \$1 million.

## Update: Pornography activist continuing in St. Petersburg

BY STEPHEN MOORE  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

In 1987, when the fight against pornography reached its peak, Ben Alexander was at the forefront.

As president of Citizens for Decency through Law in Joplin, a Phoenix, Ariz.-based organization founded by Charles Keating, Alexander worked to have pornography removed from store shelves and have pornographic shops, such as Main St. News and Arcade in Joplin, shut down.

A traveling evangelist, Alexander, 65, came to Joplin in 1976. He now resides in St. Petersburg, Fla., where he continues his work.

Gary Wheat now leads CDL in Joplin, although it has become inactive. While media attention focused mainly on Alexander's work against pornography, he said his main emphasis is on satanism.

"I encourage people to fight spiritism, the occult, and the new-age movement," he said. "This is my main thrust; pornography is just a side thing."

Alexander came to the United States from England in 1965. At that time, he was involved in spiritism which he said is related to satanism and involves contacting the dead.

Soon after his arrival, Alexander attended a church where some friends gave him a Bible. Upon reading passages he decided to convert to Christianity and take up the fight against those things he had been involved in.

He began fighting pornography because he sees it and satanism interrelated.

"I'm an evangelist who specializes in the dangers of satanism and the occult, and I find a distinct link between satanism and pornography," Alexander said.

He said soon after Ted Bundy's execution last year, his wife received a phone call from a satanist saying he wanted to convert her to satanism. Upon making several sexual comments he explained he had gotten his ideas from pornographic magazines.



Alexander further explained that in most investigations of satanism-linked incidences, pornographic paraphernalia has been discovered.

He first targeted massage parlors in the Joplin area.

"I started way back when I saw *The Joplin Globe* carrying ads for massage parlors," he said. "I tried very desperately to shut them down because of health reasons."

Alexander said he was concerned that truck drivers passing through Joplin were stopping at the massage parlors, contracting diseases, and transferring them to their wives.

He next targeted pornography establishments and succeeded in seeing the passage of a city ordinance against pornography. Soon after Alexander left for Florida, Main St. News and Arcade closed as well.

Now in St. Petersburg, Alexander said he is continuing his work. He left Joplin in part because of declining air service in the area and a lifelong desire to live near the ocean.

Working with a Florida group known as the American Family Organization, Alexander says he has succeeded in removing pornography from the shelves of stores in the area. He said, however, the bulk of his work is done during his travels.

"We, as Christians, are now labeled fundamentalists," Alexander said. "Well, I don't give a hoot what they think. What we're trying to do is have a better world for our children, and pornography does not provide a better world."

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said Dr. Floyd Belk, vice president for academic affairs. "Higher education, in general, does not approve of many faculty members getting their degrees from one general area."

Leon, Dolence, and Belk indicated the College is stepping up efforts to recruit faculty on a national basis. Belk admits that too many faculty from one area or institution could become a problem.

"It tends to set up an in-breeding type of situation," Belk said. "But we have made considerable efforts to pick up faculty from other parts of the country."

Belk said it is now practice for Southern to hire its faculty on a nationwide basis.

"For new faculty, we have strongly searched for those outside the four-state area," he said.

Belk, however, echoed Leon's sentiments about the importance of classroom performance versus a big-name degree.

"As an institution of higher education, we really need to look outside of our given area for new ideas," he said. "But by the same token, we must get the best teachers we can get."

"The bottom line is not necessarily whether the person went to Harvard or

Yale, but it is whether that person can really teach. That is question that is asked before we consider hiring an individual."

Despite Belk's insistence that Southern does not discriminate against job candidates because they may have attained a degree from PSU or another area institution, he said the College "does not encourage them (current faculty) to attend school close to Missouri Southern."

"It's not because they are not good schools," Belk said. "We just want to get other ideas from other parts of the country. If I were hiring new people, that would be a concern."

For some time now, the College has financially aided faculty in getting their doctorates. Though Southern does not demand that doctoral candidates go outside the area for their degree, administrators do reach an agreement with the instructor before a decision is made on a loan.

The two people (instructor and administrator) talk about what would be best for the College and for the individual," Belk said. "There is just an agreement that we will do what is best for the institution."

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# Missouri may see development of Katy Trail

U.S. Supreme Court upholds 1983 rail-to-trails act

BY JIMMY L. SEXTON  
MANAGING EDITOR

Missouri may have finally gotten go-ahead approval for development of the state's Katy Trail, thank largely to the U.S. Supreme Court's upholding of a 1983 federal rails-to-trails act.

"As far as I'm concerned, the state could open the trail today and let people start walking on it," said Darwin Hindman, chairman of the Katy-Missouri River Trail Coalition. "It would be nice if people could use it this spring. We're ready right now to start raising money for it."

"This is going to be a wonderful project for Missouri."

Though opponents of the trail conceded defeat in the Supreme Court, they said they would take their battle to the lower courts and try to seek compensation for the use of their land. The Missouri landowners are arguing that the taking of their land violates the Fifth Amendment, which prohibits the taking of private property without just compensation.

"We feel it is a dangerous precedent to

allow an easement granted for one purpose to now be used for a different purpose," said Estil Fretwell, director of state and local governmental affairs for the Missouri Farm Bureau, which opposes development of the Katy Trail. "We'll now have a railroad line being used as a recreational trail."

In 1986 the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad abandoned 200 miles of its railroad line and turned its right-of-way over to Missouri. Since then, Missourians have been eager to minimally develop the trail, which stretches from Machens in northern St. Charles County to Sedalia, in central Missouri, for bicycling and hiking enthusiasts.

The state's Department of Natural Resources was authorized by Gov. John Ashcroft to develop pilot proposals for recreational trails between St. Charles and Marthasville and Jefferson City and Rocheport, but court challenges by the landowners have delayed the trail's development.

Though no funding has ever been appropriated for the Katy Trail project, Ashcroft did ask the Missouri legislature two years ago for \$1.6 million to develop

the pilot projects and \$600,000 to compensate landowners. Both of the appropriations and development of the trail were delayed pending the outcome of the court cases.

Dolores Glosemeyer, a landowner near Marthasville, is a lead plaintiff in the Missouri case, which is currently pending before the Supreme Court. She believes development of the trail is an infringement on her private property.

"I don't think there should be anybody happy about this because to anybody who owns property, it's a blow," said Glosemeyer, who is worried that development of the trail would bring an influx of outsiders onto her land.

In a case similar to Missouri's, the U.S. Supreme Court recently upheld the constitutionality of the rails-to-trails law, which authorizes the Interstate Commerce Commission to preserve the growing number of abandoned right-of-ways by allowing them to be used as recreational trails. However, Vermont opponents of this law claimed it was an unconstitutional seizure of their land, and they want compensation for it.

Nevertheless, Justice William J. Brennan, in writing for the Court, said the law that allows conversion of abandoned rail

lines to nature trails "was a legitimate exercise of congressional power aimed at encouraging the development of additional recreational trails."

The Court also said that a separate federal law provides a way for deserving property holders to be compensated for their land. When compensation is available, there is no unconstitutional taking.

Michael Berger, a Los Angeles attorney who represents the Vermont landowners and the Missouri landowners, believes the Supreme Court ruling did indeed decide the case for Missouri and opened the way for the Katy Trail.

"I don't think that any tourist attraction should take precedence over property rights," said Dorothy Moore, a trail opponent and landowner in Weldon Spring. "Our whole property has been destroyed because we've lost our privacy."

Bill Palmer, spokesman for the Department of Natural Resources, said the state will not proceed with the pilot projects until Missouri's court challenge was decided.

"The trail has attracted a strong constituency in the last four years since it was proposed," he said. "There's tremendous potential for developing the pilot projects with private money."

## Colleges: repair costs could get out of hand

BY JIMMY L. SEXTON  
MANAGING EDITOR

Facilities at two northwest Missouri higher education institutions will slip further into disrepair if Gov. John Ashcroft's budget recommendations are approved by the General Assembly. While the facilities are not yet falling apart, many school presidents are concerned that their maintenance needs could get way out of hand unless more money is appropriated to higher education in Missouri.

"It's dangerous to continue to delay funding for our maintenance and repair projects at the college," said Dr. Janet Murphy, president of Missouri Western. "It's dangerous not only to our students, but also to the faculty and staff."

Murphy cites a remodeling project for the student services building, which is experiencing acoustical problems and water problems on the first floor; water problems inside the brickwork in the fine arts building; and several doors across the campus that need replaced because they are losing energy as just a few of the college's immediate needs.

Though Missouri Western had requested nearly \$1.7 million, Ashcroft only recommended \$300,000 for fiscal year 1990 for a complete asbestos removal. It now appears that many repair projects at the college may have to wait until next year.

According to Dan Young, director of the physical plant, Western has several sections of roofs that need replacing, as do some air conditioning compressors that are expected to reach their life expectancy this year.

"When you've got a leaky roof, you've got to fix a leaky roof," Murphy said, adding that any emergencies would have to come out of Western's regular operating budget.

Northwest Missouri State University is in much the same boat as Western. The school requested \$9.3 million, but the Governor recommended only \$152,000 for roof repair and maintenance of the industrial arts building. Garth Parker, director of environmental services, said most of the \$9.3 million would have gone for major renovations of the athletic facilities.

Northwest President Dean Hubbard said he is happy with the progress made over the past few years at the university, but he said there are still many maintenance and repair needs that will end up costing more by being delayed.

Hubbard also said he would like the General Assembly to set aside a certain allotment each year to pay for wear and tear on facilities, much as private businesses do.

"Higher education funding has been a continuing problem," said Murphy. "There has never been enough money for remodeling, renovation, and repair."

"I think the message we're getting is that there isn't any money out there for the colleges and universities to receive. As a result, I think you'll see a greater increase in tuition in the institutions across the state."



House debate

Rep. William Clay (D-St. Louis) gets a chuckle out of his fellow colleagues while debating his position on the House floor about a recent proposal pending before the Missouri legislature.

STAFF PHOTO BY JIMMY L. SEXTON

## Legislator wants more clerical help

After failing in last year's legislative session, House Majority Leader Tony Ribaldo (D-St. Louis) is once again trying to pass legislation that would provide full-time secretaries for every state representative.

"I think everybody is starting to realize that we do need some individual secretarial help year-round," said Ribaldo. "There's more requirements of us now from constituents, and we give them more constituent service."

According to Ribaldo, the initial funding for his proposal could be started by transferring hundreds of thousands of dollars into a House budget category that would allow it to be spent for clerical help.

Rep. Ronnie DePasco (D-Kansas City),

chairman of the House accounts committee, recently suggested to a House appropriations panel that about \$779,000 be switched to the chamber's payroll next year for an account for equipment and expenses. The money was originally planned this year to help complete the renovation of the House chamber, a project now being wrapped up at a cost of \$660,000. His proposal also would make the \$779,000 appropriation a recurring part of the House personnel budget.

"I think everyone deserves a secretary," Ribaldo said, adding that it would cost up to \$1.5 million yearly to provide year-round, full-time secretaries for each representative.

Rep. Gracia Backer (D-New Bloom-

field), chairman of the House appropriations panel, said there are "no hidden agendas and nobody is trying to hide any money."

After Ribaldo's proposal was shot down last year, House Speaker Bob Griffin (D-Cameron) decided to take it under his wing and present similar legislation to the Missouri legislature this year. However, Griffin's proposal was defeated last week because of a lack of agreement among the House Republicans, thus removing the money from the budget.

Currently, House leaders of both parties have year-round secretaries, as does every state senator. The remaining lawmakers have access to a pool totaling about two dozen secretaries.

## Senate approves new payment plan for taxes

Missourians might be able to pay sales tax, license plate fees with credit cards

The Missouri Senate has a new answer for those Missourians strapped for cash to pay their taxes: Charge it.

The Senate recently voted unanimously to approve a consent bill that would allow people to use credit cards to pay their income taxes and other fees, including the sales tax on cars and the cost of renewing license plates. Consent bills are reserved for mainly non-controversial measures.

"It really makes sense to me because we live in a credit-card world," said Senate President Pro Tem James L. Mathewson (D-Sedalia). "I have them (credit cards) because you can't live without them."

According to Duane Benton, Missouri's chief tax collector, it is only a matter of time before the state government realizes the benefit to itself and its citizens to using credit cards in such situations.

If the measure becomes law, the Missouri Department of Revenue would promptly begin a pilot program that would allow people to pay sales tax on automobiles and other fees with their major credit cards.

Benton said the state has not yet decided which credit cards will be accepted.

The federal government is studying the credit card plan, and if it begins a similar program, Missouri then might allow credit cards to be used to pay 1991 state

expenses. In addition to paying the finance charges, the card users would have to pay the state's cost of processing credit-card payments, which would come to about \$2 for each transaction.

Maryland currently allows its taxpayers

"It really makes sense because we live in a credit card world. I have them (credit cards) because you can't live without them."

—James Mathewson, Senate president pro tem

income taxes.

"I do not have any indication that it's going to come about in the next year or the year after that," said Jane Looney, a spokeswoman for the Internal Revenue Service in St. Louis. "But it is being considered, and that could change."

Although it would be easier to use a credit card to pay taxes, it could be more

who are delinquent in their income taxes to use credit cards for payment. State officials say taxpayers do not mind paying more to use their cards.

"People who use it are generally not too concerned about the fee," said Marvin Bond, Maryland's assistant comptroller. "They're more happy to get the obligation discharged than anything else."

## Higher Education Briefs

### SMSU senate urges elimination of deficit

The Southwest Missouri State University faculty senate has passed a non-binding resolution that calls for the elimination of a \$1.1 million deficit in the athletic department.

The resolution, sent to the administration, also suggests that state money and student fees used to subsidize intercollegiate athletics be used for academics, including improving the library or adding a classroom building.

A 1988-89 revenue and expenditure report from the SMSU athletic shows that the university spent \$1.3 million in state money for athletics and still ran a deficit of \$1.1 million. That deficit then was made up in part by using \$750,000 in student fees.

The resolution, which passed 19-14, calls for the elimination of the deficit by the end of the 1990-91 school year.

### UMSL plans dioxin removal

Storage drums containing dioxin will be removed from the University of Missouri-St. Louis campus within the next few months, according to administrators.

The plan for removal involves transporting the dioxin drums to another country, although details are unclear at this time.

The drums have been stored in UMSL's Dangerous Chemicals Storage Building since 1981. The university has been seeking a way to get the dioxin off campus since 1987.

### Merit pay proposal miffs SEMO faculty

A proposal by Leslie Cochran, Southeast Missouri State University provost, would give about half of the school's 400 faculty members raises based on merit. Whatever money is left over would be divided equally among all faculty members—a raise of 1 to 1.5 percent.

SEMO instructors, however, want Cochran's plan reversed: across-the-board increases first, with merit raises second. They also want merit pay to be based on the opinions of their colleagues, not of administrators.

The proposal, which is being debated by the faculty senate, has raised talk of forming a union. The average faculty salary at SEMO is \$34,600, which is about 3 or 4 percent below the national average for schools that size. Annual pay raises have averaged 3 percent or less for the last several years.

### Southeast makes presidential selection

Dr. Kala Stroup, a consultant with the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, has been named president of Southeast Missouri State University.

Stroup, 52, will assume her new duties July 1. She was selected from 124 applicants.

Stroup was president of Murray State University from 1983-89. Before that she served as vice president for academic affairs at Emporia State University.

Northeast Missouri State University, meanwhile, is nearing a presidential selection. Stroup was one of three finalists for that post.

### MU Jewish students want to keep classes

Jewish students at the University of Missouri-Columbia are collecting signatures from students who want the Hebrew I class remain in the school's curriculum.

MU is considering the elimination of classes with few students in an effort to pare down the curriculum and cut costs. Hebrew I is the first of four Hebrew classes, which are offered one at a time each semester in sequence.

About 800 Jewish students attend the university.



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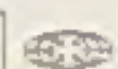


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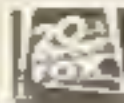
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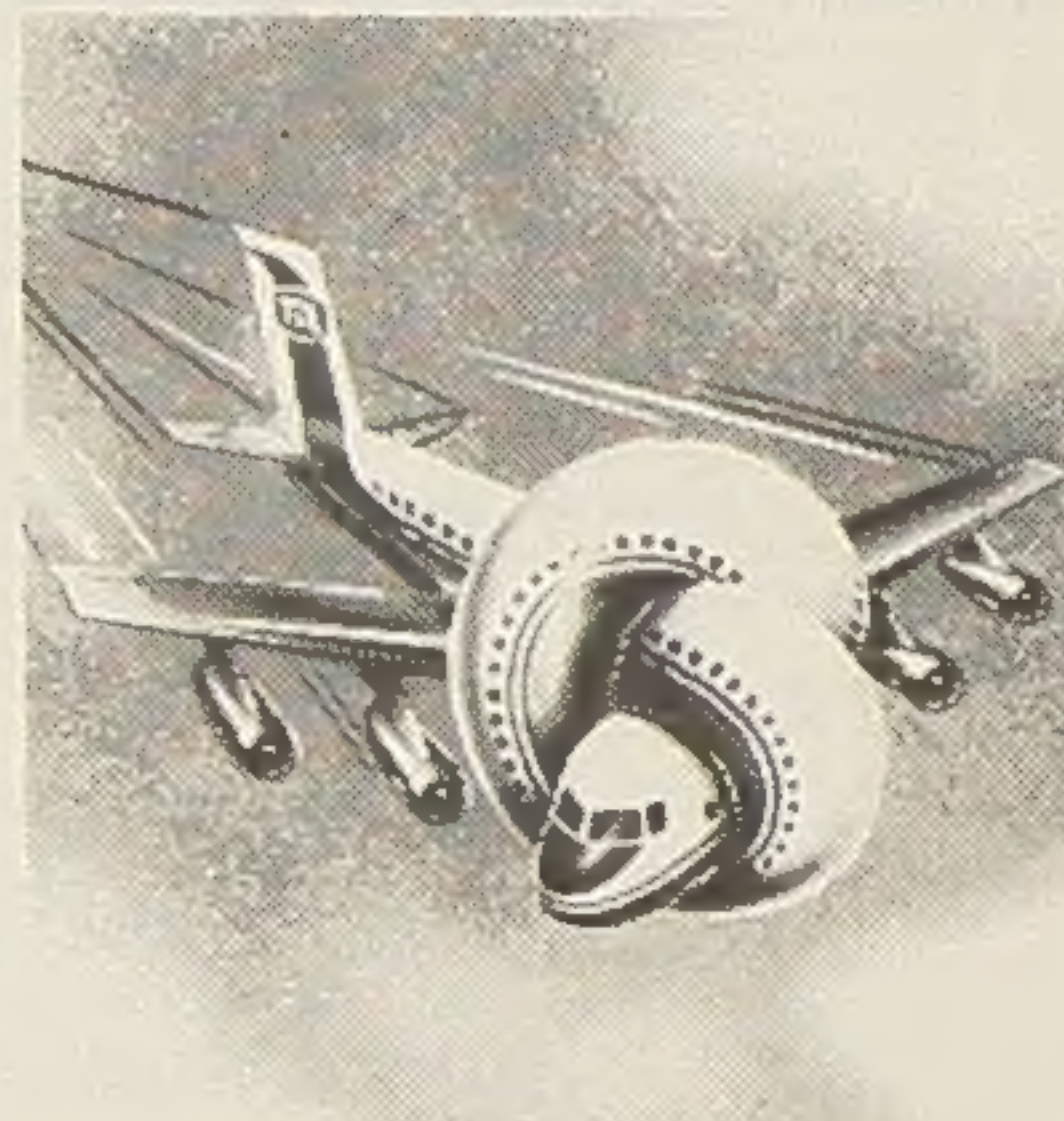


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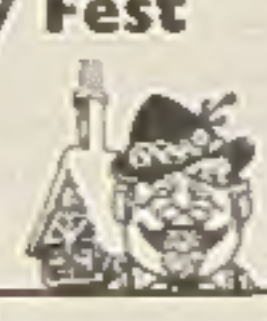
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**Wednesday, March 7**  
Soul Day



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**Friday, March 9**  
Oriental Fest





# Opening Day: *Hook 'em!*

**Area anglers brave weather and crowds to get an early catch**

While standing in the snow, prospective anglers waited for the crack of the starter's pistol by the banks of Roaring River at 6:30 a.m. Thursday, March 1.

Roy Blunt, Missouri's secretary of state, fired the pistol, kicking off trout season. "Opening day is a cross between a social event and a sporting event," said Pete Landsted, Roaring River park superintendent. "There are people who have come down here since they were little kids and now they are bringing their grandkids for fishing."

"It is a statewide event!" Despite an accumulation of snow the night before trout season opened, fishermen still showed up in hopes of hooking and netting rainbow trout.

According to Landsted, poor weather has never stopped trout opening day. There have been years where there has not been any electricity or water due to ice storms. Also, snow storms have occurred during opening day.

"Trout fishermen come no matter what the weather is," he said. "It has made some headaches for us, though."

Road hazards and freezing water lines were the park's main concerns for this year's opening day. Landsted said there were no problems this year, though there was some concern about the snowfall.

Roaring River's banks are three miles in length, and the stocking ratio is two and a quarter fish per tag sold. Some 1,518 trout tags were sold for March 1.

Fishermen are limited to five trout per day. On March 1, the heaviest fish weighed in at 11¼ pounds.

According to Landsted, the type of fisherman who arrives at 6:30 a.m. under snow conditions is "a cross between

somebody who is real hardy and real crazy."

"You get your diehard sportsman who just lives for the day of trout opening. Then, you've got novices who have never fished before, but they come down for the excitement and fun of the big day."

"There is a whole spectrum of people." One example is Edna Rice, an employee at Southwestern Bell in Kansas City.

According to Rice, she always makes sure she saves a week of vacation for fishing at Roaring River.

"I love trout fishing," she said. "I haven't caught anything yet, but I am going to get them."

Several father and son teams also lined the river banks. Mike Hudson has come several times to opening day, but this is the first time he kept his son, Jeremy, out of school for this event.

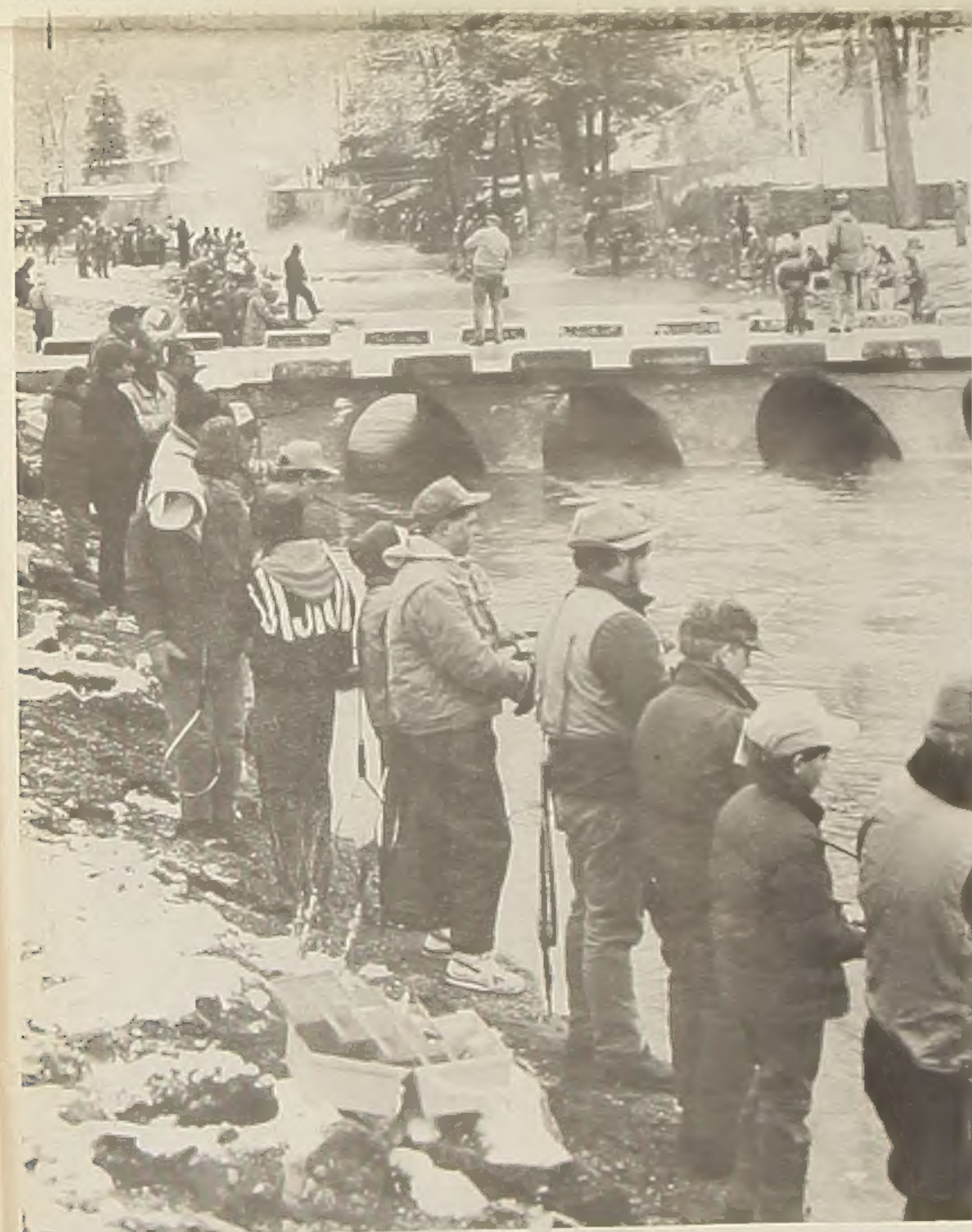
People of all ages and occupations come in the early morning hours, no matter what it takes.

Ron White specifically rearranged his work day in order to be there. "So far I have not caught anything, other than people's lines," he said.

Landsted says people have traveled from Kansas City, St. Louis, and all around in order to attend. Roaring River provides 170 campsites, a hotel, and a restaurant.

Cassville schools were empty for this "holiday." According to Larry Quinalty, administrative assistant for Cassville schools, "It (opening trout day) is just as important as a Christmas holiday."

The tourism that opening day draws is an "economic thrust to our community," he said. "It also provides a nice break for teachers and students, and it allows families to go fishing."

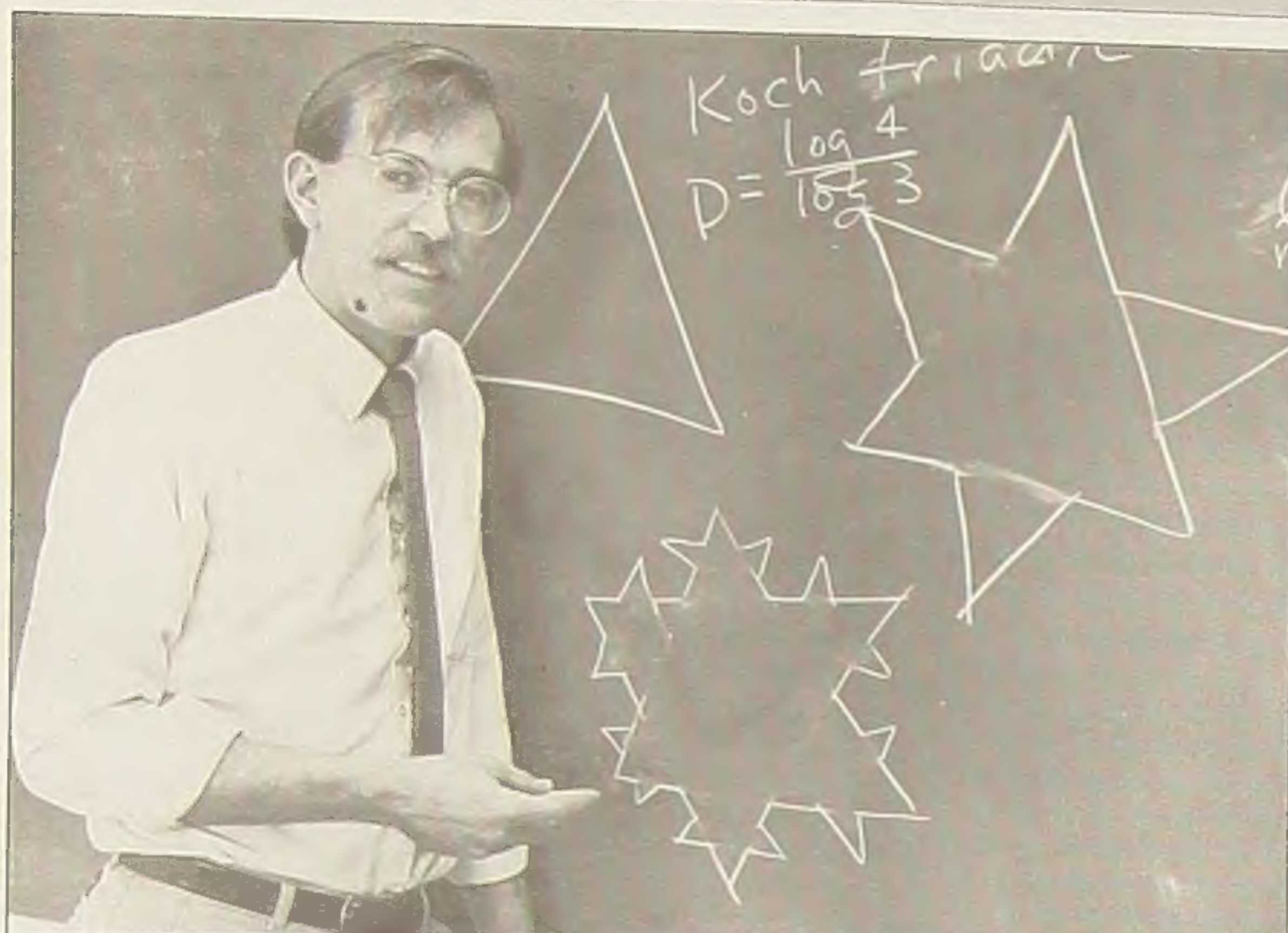


(Top) Anglers stand elbow-to-elbow hoping to haul in their limit soon after the opening shot. (Above) Kevin Pruitt, a sophomore communications major at Southern, inspects a trout lure after netting a fish. He is a regular at opening day. (Left) A father and son team, Mike and Jeremy Hudson, worked together in landing their fish. Jeremy was one of the few lucky ones able to miss school for the annual event. (Far left) Fog rolls out of the snow-covered valley as anglers ignore the cold of the winter morning.

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**Tough stuff** David Abbott, a mathematics instructor, believes students' dislike for math is passed on to others.

## Abbott has advice for math bashers

Instructor says dislike for subject is contagious

BY MARGIE MOBERLY  
CHART REPORTER

First-year mathematics instructor David Abbott loves his subject and wishes more people shared that love.

One of my pet peeves is the number of elementary majors who do not like math," says Abbott. He believes these students will pass on their dislike of mathematics to their students, resulting in thousands of people who will not like the subject or be competent in it.

Abbott considers himself easy for his students to talk to, but adds that he gets irritated when students skip class because their homework is not done.

His advice to students who find math difficult: "Succeeding in math or getting an 'A' is not the most important thing in life. The most important thing is to be able to back off and examine the priorities and enjoy life."

"I believe the mind is a beautiful tool, and one should use it," he added. "I think short periods of study are better than spending a lot of time and hating it. Don't burn yourself out."

Abbott said he came to Missouri South-

ern because he wanted to teach at an institution that has a strong future. What's more, he has developed an observation about the people of Joplin.

Abbott contends, "Joplin people have more Germanic traits about them. The way people look here seems to be more formal."

Abbott's wife, B.J., is a senior at Southern. B.J., like her husband, also enjoys the Joplin area. They have three children, ages 15, 12, and 11.

Abbott has little time for hobbies, but when he can find the time he enjoys water sports, cooking, and chess. He also is developing an interest in fractal geometry, which he finds "rather exciting."

Born in Warrensburg, Abbott graduated from Choctaw [Okla.] High School, northeast of Oklahoma City. He earned his bachelor's degree in mathematics and physics at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Okla., and his master's at Oklahoma State. Abbott held jobs as an audit technician, construction worker, and sergeant in the Air Force before settling on teaching.

"I love to teach," he said. "It is the most favorite job I have ever had."

## Secretary adjusts to life here

BY SUZANNE ALLEN  
CHART REPORTER

Adjusting to Missouri Southern has been easy for Karen Bigbee of California.

"Everyone is so nice—every thing is easier," said Bigbee, the new secretary for the education department. "It's easier to make friends here."

Welcomed by everyone she has met since the move from her hometown near Sacramento an easy adjustment.

"The people here have been wonderful," said Bigbee, who was not accustomed to the friendliness.

After working in the business office at the University of California-Davis for the past eight and a half years, Bigbee notices a big difference here.

"I love it [Southern]. [There is] not as much politics," she said. "I like the relaxed atmosphere—[it is] so much more family oriented."

Bigbee and her husband had been thinking of moving to Missouri for the past few years, although she was skeptical about leaving her family.

The couple and their two children finally decided to make the move and arrived in Seneca (her husband's hometown) in late August.



Karen Bigbee

Having heard a lot about Southern on her visits to the area, Bigbee sent her resume before the move. When she arrived, a letter requesting an interview was waiting.

"I feel lucky that I got on," she said.

Bigbee started working as secretary in September, replacing Pat Fancher. She thanks the faculty who helped her through the tough days.

"They took me under their wings, they were caring—it was easy to adjust."

Now that she has settled in, Bigbee has time to enjoy walking and watching her son's wrestling matches.

She also enjoys working in the secretarial field. "It runs in the family," said Bigbee, whose mother also worked at UCD. Bigbee said she went into the field and never regretted it.

"I feel a sense of accomplishment when I can help someone else out."



STAFF PHOTO BY NICK COBLE

**Inspired** Lisa Crawford, part-time Spanish instructor, cites a high school teacher as inspiring her to learn Spanish.

## Dunlap returns to College

Accountant has 'perspective' on problems

BY JONATHAN POE  
CHART REPORTER

Being a former student here at Missouri Southern gives me a unique perspective on student problems with the business office," says Jo Dunlap, fixed asset accountant.

She believes student problems have not changed much since her graduation in 1987.

A native of Jasper, Dunlap always has had a love for numbers.

"Small towns tend to have a limited amount of curriculum to choose from, but I was fortunate enough to find that Jasper had an excellent accounting class

so she can become a college instructor.

"I already have my B.S. in accounting, but I want to study and teach English on the college level. Students who are in college have an idea of what they want to do with their lives, and I find that a more exciting learning environment to be in."

In developing her mind, Dunlap has been taking karate lessons for the past year and a half.

"It has helped me mentally and physically," she said. "I will be going for my brown belt very shortly, and then I will be only a year away from trying for a black belt."

Dunlap enjoys the outdoors, particularly gardening with flowers and camping.

"I like the atmosphere a lot. Southern's growing so quickly. That tells you right away what a great education is available here; otherwise people would go some place else."

—Jo Dunlap, fixed asset accountant

Coming from a small farming community to Southern was a real challenge for Dunlap.

"I had to even learn note-taking skills when I came here. It was a totally different world, but I always liked to learn, so that motivated me."

It is this desire to learn that has motivated Dunlap to work on a B.A. in English at Southern while keeping her job here. She plans to eventually pursue a master's and Ph.D. at another institution

Dunlap believes students who go to Southern get the best of two worlds: the ability to get a strong education and the attention to get the specialization they need.

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## Teacher's inspiration sparks new instructor

BY SHARON WEBER  
CHART REPORTER

Spanish is the language of angels," Francisco Colon told his Spanish class one day at Joplin High School.

That statement sparked an interest in Lisa Crawford. It started her on a pursuit of knowledge that developed into a love for the language.

"My curiosity was peaked. I wanted to speak to angels," said Crawford, part-time Spanish instructor at Missouri Southern.

"I always want to continue and grow in the knowledge of Spanish and its people."

Her pursuit continued to Joplin Junior College and from there to points as far away as Lisbon, Portugal.

Crawford has her bachelor's and master's degree in Spanish with minors in French and Portuguese from the University of Missouri. She also has studied at the University of New York, Queen's College, and in Lisbon, Portugal.

She has spent 14 years teaching Spanish in both public and private schools in Joplin. When the opportunity came to teach at Southern, she seized it because "it's a step up from teaching high school."

She considers her educational achievements as some of her greatest accomplishments in life. Acquiring her doctorate is under consideration, but she would have to leave the Joplin area to accomplish that.

The determination required in her pro-

fessional life also is reflected in her personal life.

She recently lost 76 pounds through the Opti-Fast program at Freeman Hospital. This is the same program of Oprah Winfrey fame.

"I started on Oct. 28, 1988, and by April 8, 1989, I had lost the weight. I keep one thing (clothing) and one picture to remind me."

To help maintain her weight, Crawford walks and plays golf. "A good exercise program is essential in keeping the weight off," she said.

Crawford enjoys listening to "good" music, including some modern performers. "It's offensive to my ears and sounds like noise. I don't like it," she said.

Watching classic movies is another favorite pastime. She especially enjoys black-and-white ones.

An interest in movies comes in handy in her other professional interest. Crawford is part-owner of Casablanca, a Joplin movie rental business. She hears an overabundance of excuses when people return movies late.

Those excuses could explain her pet peeve: "phonies—I don't like phonies, people who lie," said Crawford. "I have to take the truth and handle it that way."

Her determination in life is a lesson for all of her students.

"I'm an all or nothing person. I give 100 percent in everything I do," she said. "I do my best and complete what I start."



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**Paperwork**

Jo Dunlap, a 1987 Southern graduate with a degree in accounting, plans to pursue a doctorate degree.



# Lions open post-season play tonight

## Seniors want to end season 'with a bang'

BY MARK ETTER  
STAFF WRITER

After a two-season drought from post-season competition, the basketball Lions travel to Central Missouri State University tonight for an opening-round game in the MIAA playoffs. The contest marks the second meeting in less than a week between the two teams. A 72-65 loss in Warrensburg on Feb. 28 dropped the Lions' overall mark to 12-14 and evened their league record at 8-8.

"I think the first game gave us some confidence," said Robert Corn, head coach. "We realized we can play with them, but we can't save anything because there is no tomorrow."

Southern trailed 33-26 at halftime, but came back to take a 51-50 lead at the 8:28 mark. CMSU then outscored the Lions 22-14 for the victory.

"We need to come out and play harder. We started slow and then came out to play after the second half," said Sam Wilcher, senior forward. "We've got to play a full

40 minutes instead of just in spurts."

Saturday's 61-59 loss at Southwest Baptist University marked CMSU's third in its last five games. Despite their recent slide, the Mules (24-4, 12-4) rank No. 12 among the nation's NCAA Division II schools.

"Our team has played very well the last couple of weeks," said Jim Woolridge, head coach. "We could have easily beaten SBU Saturday, and to do that at their place means you're playing well."

CMSU is led by Armando Becker, the MIAA's most valuable player and co-newcomer of the year. A 6-5 junior, Becker averages 17.3 points and 8.3 rebounds per contest.

"We've got to control Becker because he is their go-to guy," said senior forward Mike Rader. "Everybody has to pull together. We can't rely on one or two people. All 11 guys have to be ready, not just the five starters."

Five Southern players have been honored by the MIAA. Wilcher was voted second team all-conference. Rader, senior Reggie Mahone, and junior Ronnie Ressel were honorable mention choices. Keith Allen was named to the all-freshman squad.

"If we look ahead, we're going to get beat," said Woolridge. "Missouri Southern

is solid on both ends.

"Rebounding is always a key for us. We have to do a better job inside on Wilcher, Mahone, and Rader. It will take a blue collar effort on our part."

Picked to finish 12th in the Nov. 4 pre-season coaches' poll, Southern ended its first regular season in NCAA Division II as the fifth-best team in the MIAA.

"One big factor has been our players," said Corn. "They have had a very good mental attitude and a great work ethic. The players deserve the credit; they are the ones who make it happen. The second factor has been our outstanding staff. They do a great job with the scouting reports and also help on the floor."

The Lions are into the sudden-death portion of the season where one loss ends their season—a fact not lost with the seniors.

"Being a senior, and I speak for all of us, we really want to go out with a bang," said Wilcher. "With Coach Corn we got it turned around, and it would be nice to go all the way."

Corn added, "It was something we have talked about: our goal was to play in March. We wanted to be one of the top six teams in conference because of the respect that goes with it."

## MIAA Men's Standings

	MIAA		OVERALL	
South Division	W	L	W	L
SEMO	14	2	24	3
SBU	13	3	24	3
MSSC	8	8	12	14
UM-Rolla	7	9	10	15
PSU	6	10	12	15
UMSL	5	11	9	19
North Division	W	L	W	L
Mo. Western	14	2	21	6
CMSU	13	4	24	4
Washburn	7	9	19	11
NW Mo.	5	11	14	13
Lincoln	3	13	6	20
NE Mo.	2	14	3	19

\* ineligible for conference championship

## MIAA POST-SEASON TOURNAMENT (Seeds in Parentheses)

**Tuesday's Games**  
MSSC (5) @ CMSU (4)  
UM-Rolla (8) @ SBU (3)

**Thursday's Games**  
MSSC-CMSU winner @ SEMO (1)  
UM-Rolla-SBU winner @ Western (2)

**Saturday's Game**  
Championship game at site of higher seed

## Rugby Club takes win via forfeit

The Missouri Southern Rugby Club earned its first victory of the season Saturday against Oral Roberts University after the Tulsa team failed to show up for the game. This forfeit evened Southern's record at 1-1.

"Several guys from the Pittsburg rugby club came over to watch us play ORU," said Mike Hellams, head coach. "After ORU forfeited, we scrimmaged with Pittsburg. Just that one game experience will help out a lot."

A 28-16 loss in the season opener against Oklahoma State remains the only regular-season competition Southern has seen this year. Rob Bomar, Brad Pence, and Mark St. Peter scored one goal each.

"For the first game of the season, it was an outstanding showing," Hellams said. "OSU had played four games, so we did well. They complimented our players and told me we had some good athletes."

After a week off for spring break, practice will resume in preparation for a March 24 contest at Tulsa University. With two squad members on the United States national team and four players on the western regional championship team, Tulsa is projected as one of the top college clubs in the nation.

## Athletes set personal bests

Several team members improved their performances as Missouri Southern competed in the MIAA indoor track and field championships Sunday at Central Missouri State University.

Seven athletes represented Southern in the meet. David Barnes competed in the high jump; Trace Maxwell, in the long jump, the 60-yard dash, and the 300-meter run; Scott Wynn, in the 60-yard dash and 300-meter; Sean James, in the long jump and 60-yard dash; and Doug Martin, Cory Cazzelle, and Jay Pride in the shot-put. "We had five or six personal records out of those people taken," said Tom Rutledge, head coach. "Cory Cazzelle improved from 43 feet, 1 inch to 46 feet, 3 inches. I was really pleased with his throw."

Pride also improved his indoor shot-put mark of 45 feet, 9 inches to 46-8. Maxwell set a personal record, improving his time in the 300-meter from 34 seconds to 32.49 seconds.

In the 60-yard dash, Wynn improved his time from 6.7 seconds to 6.68.

After a four-week layoff due to a weightlifting injury, James had a personal best of 21 feet, 11 inches in the long jump.

"I tried my best to peak the kids at this time," said Rutledge. "I was pleased with their performance. If you got down and looked at the overall, with 15 or 20 people per event, we finished around seventh, eighth, and ninth. I felt we had a strong freshmen crew."

Southern did not qualify anyone for the national meet to be held in South Dakota at the end of the week.

"Pittsburg State and all the other established teams have people going," Rutledge said. "We'll have our kids in the future, and we will participate in the national meet one day."

The track team will not see any action until March 24 at the Pittsburg State University outdoor meet.



Rugby practice

Rod Criss (with ball) tries to elude Mike Davis (center) and Rich Puckett in a Feb. 28 scrimmage. The Rugby Club held the practice session after a 28-16 home loss to Oklahoma State University.

STAFF PHOTO BY JACK COBLE

## Gabriel's resignation stuns Lady Lions

BY ANASTASIA UMLAND  
SPORTS EDITOR

Citing personal reasons, Janet Gabriel has ended her brief stint as head coach of the Lady Lions basketball team.

The announcement was made last week by Sallie Beard, women's athletic director. Beard said she and Gabriel had spoken extensively of her desire to leave Southern prior to the official resignation. However, Beard says she is not at liberty to specifically explain the reasons.

"I have a professional as well as a personal commitment not to disclose the reasons for Janet's departure," Beard said. "I think she had a really frustrating year. This season has been a difficult transition from the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics into the National Collegiate Athletic Association. It could have been frustrating for any coach."

Gabriel, who was unavailable for com-

ment, is said to be on vacation. Beard said Gabriel is trying to figure out her future plans.

Raye Pond, assistant basketball coach, said she is depressed that Gabriel is leaving. After waiting so long to be hired as a paid assistant, Pond is not looking forward to leaving Southern.

"I don't know what I will do right now," she said. "I feel really bad this had to happen. It was just a really rough year, because of losing and all the injuries, and I think Janet felt the pressure."

The Lady Lions finished 9-18 overall, including a 4-12 mark in the MIAA. Southern was 17-12 last year in Gabriel's first season as head coach.

Senior forward Susie Walton said she does not believe Gabriel is leaving because of the Lady Lions' losing season. Walton said Gabriel told the team that she wanted the opportunity "to explore new jobs."

"Coach Gabriel is definitely a [NCAA] Division I coach," Walton said. "She is a

really great coach. She always gave 110 percent. I think the program suffered this season because we do not have the budget to compete with the larger schools."

Junior center Caryn Schumaker said she is surprised Gabriel is leaving.

"I hate to see her go," Schumaker said. Terri Haynes, who led the Lady Lions this season in three-point goals, said "it was like running into a brick wall" when she learned of Gabriel's resignation.

"Some of the girls on the team had an idea of what was going on, and others were just shocked," Haynes said. "I felt mad at first when I found out, but now I know we just have to go on."

Beard has placed ads in several newspapers to begin the search for a replacement. Application deadline is March 23.

"Janet will be hard to replace," Beard said. "I am really sorry to see her leave. She is a terrific coach, and we will miss her."

## Baseball Lions defeat Oral Roberts for first win

BY ROD SHETLER  
STAFF WRITER

The baseball Lions picked up their first victory of the season yesterday in a doubleheader split with Oral Roberts University in Tulsa.

The Lions, 1-4, won the second game 9-5 after ORU prevailed 5-4 in the opener. Last Friday, Southern dropped a 7-6 decision to the University of Kansas. The Lions fell behind 5-0 at the end of three innings, but mounted a comeback.

"We went into the game thinking we

could beat Kansas, and we could have," said center fielder Tom Busch, whose three-run triple in the fifth brought Southern within one run of the Jayhawks. "We came out real sluggish, and we didn't really adjust that well to the umpire's strike zone."

Head Coach Warren Turner attributes the Lions' four losses this season to mental mistakes.

"Right now we're beating ourselves," Turner said. "You can't make mistakes against these teams. If you have a chance for an out, you had better get it. We've

got to forget about who we are playing against and just worry about ourselves."

The Lions now are looking forward to the University of Texas-Pan American Citrus Tournament to be held in Edinburg, Texas, March 12-17.

Southern will be competing with such schools as Lafayette University, the University of Oklahoma, College of St. Francis, and the University of Texas Pan-Am in the six-day tournament.

"They are going to be tough," said Turner. "There are some good [NCAA] Division I teams."

## My Opinion



## Baseball brought me to Joplin

The usual line of questioning I encounter when speaking of my background is, "You're from New Jersey? Why did you ever come to Joplin?"

Yes, I am from New Jersey. Trenton to be exact. To help you better understand the geographical location, I am approximately one hour from both Philadelphia and New York City, which gives me endless cultural and sporting events to attend. I must admit that I attend many more sporting events than I do cultural, with New York Yankees baseball games ranking very high on my list of things to do in the summer.

Since coming to Southern, I've often caught a great deal of verbal abuse when I express my devotion to the Yankee tradition. This devotion is made even more difficult because a large majority of the Midwest population is Royals fans. I must confess, I do believe George Steinbrenner needs to be relieved of his ownership, but that's a totally different issue.

Now that you know where I'm from, I'll answer the question "Why did you ever come to Joplin?" That's easy, Baseball!!!

Before coming to Missouri Southern, I went to Mercer County Community College in West Windsor, N.J., for two years. I enrolled at Mercer as a communications major with an emphasis in television. When I came to Southern I continued to study communications, but my emphasis has changed to P.R.

One thing that has remained constant in my life is the position in baseball I have played since I was nine years old. I've been a pitcher for 13 years, and I can honestly say I've never wanted to play any other position. Being a pitcher means being the center of attention. All eyes are on the pitcher as he controls the tempo of the game. I guess I've always enjoyed being the center of attention, and baseball has given me the opportunity to enjoy being in the limelight.

Toward the end of my two-year career at Mercer College I faced the most important decision of my life—where to continue my education?

Because of a very successful season during my last year at Mercer, I was fortunate enough to have several choices. I was positive I wanted to get away from home, the further the better.

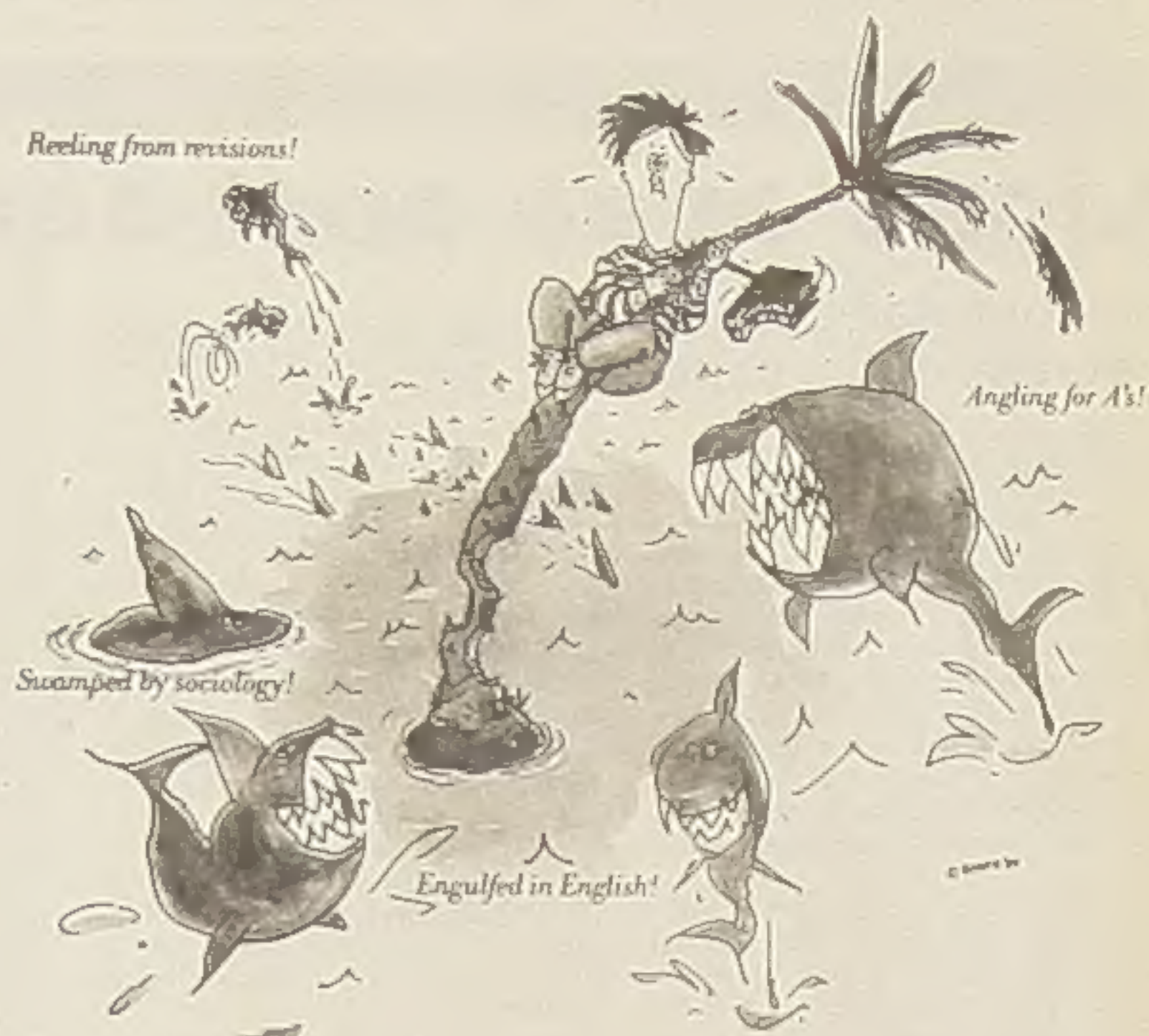
I looked at three or four schools in North and South Carolina, but none offered what I was looking for. Fortunately, my junior college coach, Preston "Butch" Miller, was very helpful in assisting my decision. He and Warren Turner, Southern head coach, began talking baseball one summer, and the next thing I knew I was in Joplin, Mo.

Some people find it hard to believe that I came half way across the country to attend school in Joplin. There were two major reasons why I chose to come to Missouri Southern. The first and most obvious is baseball. When reviewing Southern's baseball records and schedules of previous seasons, I was very impressed. Not only do we play Division I powerhouses such as Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma University, Kansas University, and the University of Arkansas, but it seems at the end of every season we are always involved in the regional playoffs.

When I look back at how scared I was when I first got here, it seems silly. Because I chose to attend Southern, I've had the chance to see parts of the country I've never seen before, to meet new people, and to obtain a quality education, all at the same time. So far baseball has been very good to me, and I expect the relationship to continue.

□ Dennis Burns is a junior communications major.





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